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ACCOUNTABILITY & REFORM

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AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

786-7411

SSB 5322: CONCERNING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS' RATES AND CHARGES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hatfield

(HB 1264 Representative Wilcox)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the maximum annual per-parcel rate a conservation district may assess according to its system of rates and charges.
- Raises the maximum from \$5 to \$10 for counties with a population of over 480,000 and from \$10 to \$15 for counties with a population of over 1.5 million.

SB 5556: CONCERNING IRRIGATION DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

(HB 1707 Representative Takko)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes the requirement that notice and summons be served on easement holders of record when assessment liens of irrigation districts are foreclosed.
- Removes the requirement that the joint boards of jointly controlled irrigation districts hold public meetings on the budgets of their joint projects.

SB 5603: CHANGING COTTAGE FOOD OPERATION PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

(HB 1742 Representative Lytton)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Raises the maximum annual gross sales ceiling that a cottage food licensee may earn and continue to retain eligibility for the program, from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

SSB 5733: CONCERNING LIVESTOCK TRANSACTION REPORTING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

(SHB 1755 Representative Pettigrew)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to adopt rules creating an alternative cattle transaction reporting system in which licensees may electronically report transactions involving unbranded dairy cattle, instead of requiring on-farm inspections.
- Requires WSDA to submit an annual report to the Legislature documenting WSDA's activities under the new reporting system.

SHB 1127: CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL LABOR SKILLS AND SAFETY PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Chandler

(SSB 5019 Senator Honeyford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Washington State Department of Commerce (Commerce), subject to the availability of appropriated funds, to create the Agricultural Labor Skills and Safety Grant Program.
- Requires Commerce to select one grant recipient with a community-based organization able to work with agricultural employee and employer organizations to provide workforce skills and safety training to agricultural workers.
- Provides the grant recipient may receive up to \$1 million per year.
- Provides an expiration date of July 1, 2018.

HB 1268: REGARDING HEMP AS A COMPONENT OF COMMERCIAL ANIMAL FEED

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buys

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to evaluate whether hemp and hemp products should be allowed as a component of animal feed.
- Requires WSDA to complete the evaluation by June 30, 2018.

SHB 1527: REQUIRING THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO APPROVE THE COMPARABLE RECERTIFICATION STANDARDS OF PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF WAIVING THE RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE WASHINGTON PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent

(SB 5601 Senator Warnick)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires, rather than allows, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to waive licensing recertification requirements under the Washington Pesticide Control Act when a licensee meets comparable recertification standards.
- Adds WSDA-approved private entities to a list of alternative entities offering trainings sufficient to be considered comparable to WSDA recertification standards.
- Requires WSDA to confer with private entities to develop a system for pest management recertification credit accounting.

HB 1622: EXPANDING THE PRODUCTS CONSIDERED TO BE POTENTIALLY NONHAZARDOUS AS THEY APPLY TO COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Young

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows baked candies and candies made on a stovetop to be produced by a cottage food operation.
- Prohibits cottage food products from containing the active ingredients in cannabis.

EHB 1989: CONCERNING WATER STORAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent

(ESSB 5470 Senator Warnick)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Grants municipalities the authority to enter into contracts for services such as financing, designing, improving, operating, maintaining, repairing, testing, inspecting, cleaning, administering, or managing a water storage asset.

COMMERCE & LABOR

786-7426

SSB 5156: CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ELEVATORS AND OTHER CONVEYANCES IN CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires a seller of residential real property to disclose any defects in elevators, incline elevators, stairway chair lifts, and wheelchair lifts.

SSB 5280: CONCERNING THE SALE OF BEER AND CIDER BY GROCERY STORE LICENSEES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(SHB 1198 Representative Vick)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes certain grocery stores to sell beer or cider in growlers.
- Prohibits a person from using an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card to purchase beer or cider in a growler.

SB 5288: CONCERNING EXPIRATION DATES RELATED TO REAL ESTATE BROKER PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun

(SHB 1171 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the authorization for the Washington Center for Real Estate Research and the \$10 fee paid by real estate brokers that funds the Center.

SSB 5296: CONCERNING REGULATION OF LOCKSMITH SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Prohibits a locksmith from misrepresenting the business's geographic location in any telephone directory or on its website.
- Requires a locksmith to include either its business license number or its state unified business identifier account number on its website and advertising.

E2SSB 5353: CONCERNING MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITS PRODUCED IN WASHINGTON BY CRAFT AND GENERAL LICENSED DISTILLERIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes distilleries and craft distilleries to apply for an endorsement to sell spirits at a qualifying farmers market.
- Authorizes the issuance of a special permit to taste and sell spirits at an event not open to the public.
- Authorizes any liquor licensee who sells alcohol at retail to sell gift certificates and gift cards which may be exchanged for consumer goods or services.

SB 5468: AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS ON CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF THE STAY-AT-WORK AND SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 1395 Representative Springer)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industries to use workers compensation funds for administrative expenses related to the Stay at Work program and Self-Insurance Program without an appropriation.

- Creates a Stay at Work Advisory Committee to review proposals to spend non-appropriated Stay at Work Program funds.

ESB 5504: ALLOWING ADDITIONAL LIQUOR DISTRIBUTOR EMPLOYEES TO STOCK LIQUOR UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hewitt

(HB 1478 Representative Condotta)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits 18- to 21-year-old employees of alcoholic beverage distributors, wholesalers, and manufacturers to handle alcoholic products on both retail and nonretail premises, except between the hours of 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

ESB 5510: SIMPLIFYING AND ADDING CERTAINTY TO THE CALCULATION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS BY CREATING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Department of Labor and Industries to convene a benefit accuracy working group to focus on improving the accuracy, simplicity, fairness, and consistency of calculating and providing wage replacement benefits.

SSB 5596: CREATING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A MANUFACTURER OF WINE TO HOLD A PRIVATE EVENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF TASTING AND SELLING WINE OF ITS OWN PRODUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(SHB 1380 Representative Wylie)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Liquor Control Board to issue a special permit to a wine manufacturer allowing a wine tasting and sales event that is not open to the general public.

SB 5662: AUTHORIZING A LICENSED DOMESTIC BREWERY OR MICROBREWERY TO PROVIDE PROMOTIONAL ITEMS TO A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(HB 1768 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows domestic breweries and microbreweries to provide branded promotional items of nominal value, such as T-shirts or beer glasses, to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations for use in a manner consistent with the organization's charitable purpose.

ESB 5893: ADDRESSING THE NONEMPLOYEE STATUS OF ATHLETES AFFILIATED WITH THE WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

(HB 1930 Representative MacEwen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts junior ice hockey players from the definition of employee under the Minimum Wage Act and the Industrial Welfare Act.

HB 1004: CLARIFYING PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW FOR THE TASTING OF ALCOHOL BY STUDENTS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(SB 5001 Senator Hewitt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands the special educational permit, allowing students ages 18 to 21 who are enrolled in wine industry-related degree programs to taste wine.

SHB 1043: CONCERNING SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu

(SSB 5009 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows certain notices to be sent by email to an occupant of a self-storage facility unit.
- Permits towing of a vehicle or boat from a self-storage facility, after default for 60 days or more, instead of a lien sale.

SHB 1063: CONCERNING COSMETOLOGY, HAIR DESIGN, BARBERING, ESTHETICS, AND MANICURING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes a hair design license which requires 1400 hours of training or 1750 hours of apprenticeship.
- Permits certain work experience to be substituted for required classroom hours for instructor and instructor-trainee licenses.
- Expands curriculum to include online training.

EHB 1091: CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED INTERFERENCE OF TICKET SALES OVER THE INTERNET

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van De Wege

(SB 5456 Senator Kohl-Wells)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Prohibits the use or sale of software that interferes with or evades a security measure or access control system on a ticket seller's website.
- Makes the software's use or sale a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

HB 1124: PERMITTING THE SAMPLING OF BEER AND WINE AT LOCATIONS LICENSED TO SERVE BEER AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes any business that is licensed to serve wine or beer on tap to also provide free samples.
- Limits the sample size to 2 ounces or smaller with a maximum of 4 ounces per customer per day.

HB 1179: EXEMPTING CIDER MAKERS FROM THE WINE COMMISSION ASSESSMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lytton

(SB 5260 Senator Honeyford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Eliminates the wine grape commodity assessment for the production of cider.

SHB 1194: ADDRESSING THE DEATH BENEFITS OF A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SB 5246 Senator Roach)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a new benefit for surviving spouses under the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2 and Washington State Patrol Retirement System. The benefit is payable to surviving spouses who are ineligible to continue receiving the surviving spouse benefit under the state industrial insurance program because of remarriage.

HB 1263: EXEMPTING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FROM PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR REGULATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts certified public accountants and their employees from private investigator regulations and licensing.

HB 1309: CONCERNING THE SALE OF FLOATING HOMES OR FLOATING ON-WATER RESIDENCES BY BROKERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Vick

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits real estate brokers to sell floating homes and floating on-water residences.

HB 1342: PERMITTING THE SALE OF CIDER IN MICROBREWERY TASTING ROOMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows licensed microbreweries to sell cider produced by a domestic winery without the need of an additional license.

EHB 1422: CONCERNING MISREPRESENTATION OF A FLORAL PRODUCT BUSINESS'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR FLORAL PRODUCT BUSINESSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Scott

(SB 5224 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Prohibits a provider of floral products or services from misrepresenting the business's geographic location in any advertisement or listing.
- Provides a fine of up to \$250.

SHB 1496: ADDRESSING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BY MAKING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SUBCOMMITTEE PERMANENT AND CREATING CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOY INJURED WORKERS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sells

(SSB 5451 Senator Braun)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes the Vocational Rehabilitation Pilot Program a permanent program.
- Extends financial incentives currently used in the Preferred Worker Program and the Stay at Work Program to all employers, including the employers of injury, who employ injured workers receiving vocational services.
- Creates a vocational rehabilitation advisory committee and directs the Department of Labor & Industries to conduct a study to determine the impact on return-to-work outcomes, long-term disability, and claim costs.

SHB 1564: CONCERNING THE LOCAL OPTION PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF LIQUOR

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kilduff

(SSB 5167 Senator O'Ban)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the citizens of an original election unit within a city that voted for a ban on alcohol to vote to repeal the ban.
- Ensures that any area annexed after the original vote to ban alcohol is not subject to a prohibition in a subsequent election to repeal the ban.

HB 1595: CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF LABOR HOURS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION STATUTE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn

(SB 5734 Senator Roach)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Changes the definition of labor hours for the apprenticeship statutes to mean the total hours of workers employed "upon the site," rather than "on the site."

SHB 1604: CREATING A WORK GROUP ON OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE EXPOSURE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reykdal

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Department of Labor and Industries to convene a work group to discuss establishing definitions, policies, and procedures for mandatory reporting of hazardous exposures suffered by firefighters in the course of employment.

SHB 1749: CONCERNING CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS OF PROPERTY

Prime Sponsor: Representative MacEwen

(SB 5847 Senator Angel)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a property owner who offers to sell improved real property without occupying or using it for more than one year is not a contractor if the owner contracts with a registered general contractor and does not superintend the work.

E2SHB 1807: ASSISTING SMALL BUSINESSES LICENSED TO SELL SPIRITS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Condotta

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that the Liquor Control Board cannot assess a penalty exceeding 1 percent per month for late payments of the spirits license issuance fee.
- Allows spirits retail licensees to accept deliveries of spirits at another licensees' premises.

HB 2000: AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON CONCERNING MARIJUANA

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hurst

(SB 5848 Senator Rivers)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Governor to enter into agreements with Indian tribes concerning marijuana.
- Establishes that any agreement must require a federally recognized Indian tribe to impose a tax that is at least the equivalent of the state taxes on marijuana, in lieu of state taxes.
- Establishes that tribes may allow exemptions for certain activities and sales on marijuana grown, produced, or processed within its Indian country.

2SHB 2040: INITIATING A CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE VETERAN EMPLOYMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative McCabe

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs, Employment Security Department, and the Department of Commerce to consult local chambers of commerce, associate development organizations, and businesses to initiate a demonstration campaign to increase veteran employment.

EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

786-7420

SSB 5080: CONCERNING DUAL CREDIT OPTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

**SSB 5080 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in E2SHB 1546.*

ESSB 5083: ENACTING THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

(HB 1750 Representative Ortiz-Self)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Specifies that Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) work with certain organizations to create an online pamphlet regarding sudden cardiac arrest, which youth athletes and families must review before participating in athletic activity.
- Requires WIAA and certain organizations to make available an existing online sudden cardiac arrest prevention program, which coaches must complete every three years.
- Mandates that private nonprofit organizations using school property provide a statement of compliance with these policies.

SB 5120: CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT DISSOLUTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor*

- Changes the criteria for dissolution of a school district due to low enrollment from an average of five K–8 students in the preceding school year to an average of five K–8 students in the preceding three consecutive school years.

SSB 5163: PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL DATA ON STUDENTS FROM MILITARY FAMILIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

**Signed by the Governor*

**SHB 1149 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Requires school districts to report data on students from military families using federal guidelines with certain modifications.
- Tasks the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction with conducting an analysis of the average number of students from military families who are special education students and reporting to the appropriate committees of the Legislature.

SSB 5202: REGARDING THE FINANCIAL EDUCATION PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet

(SHB 1121 Representative Parker)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Financial Education Public-Private Partnership (Partnership) to work with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to integrate financial skills and content knowledge into the existing state learning standards and adopts standards in K–12 personal finance developed by a national coalition as the state financial education learning standards.
- Requires OSPI to make available a list of materials that align with the financial education standards and requires school districts to provide access to the standards to students in grades nine through twelve.
- Adds the State Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee as a member of the Partnership and allows the Partnership to pay travel expenses and substitute costs for appointed teachers to attend official meetings of the Partnership.

SSB 5294: CONCERNING SCHOOL LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

(SHB 1331 Representative Muri)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Renames school library media programs to school library information and technology programs.
- Lists several duties of teacher-librarians.

ESB 5419: ENACTING THE STUDENT USER PRIVACY IN EDUCATION RIGHTS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(ESHB 1495 Representative Reykdal)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires school service providers take specified actions to protect the personal information of students. School service means a website, mobile application, or online service that meets certain requirements.
- Specifies that school service providers make privacy policies available and provide prominent notice before making material changes to their policies.
- Limits the collection, use, and sharing of student personal information, including prohibitions against selling this information and targeted advertising.
- Mandates that school service providers maintain a comprehensive information security program.

SSB 5433: REQUIRING WASHINGTON'S TRIBAL HISTORY, CULTURE, AND GOVERNMENT TO BE TAUGHT IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(HB 1511 Representative Ortiz-Self)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires school districts to incorporate the history, culture, and government of the nearest federally recognized Indian tribe(s) into the social studies curriculum.
- Directs schools districts to use curriculum developed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).
- Permits school districts to modify the OSPI curriculum to include a regionally specific focus.

SSB 5679: CONCERNING TRANSITION SERVICES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that transition services must be addressed in a transition plan for a student with disabilities as soon as educationally and developmentally appropriate, and annually updated.
- Requires transition planning be based on educationally appropriate transition assessments that outline the student's needs, strengths, preferences, and interests.
- Provides that transition services include activities to assist the student reach postsecondary goals and courses of study to support the goals.

SSB 5721: CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Billig

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the membership of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Council (Council) to include a person selected by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to represent low-income communities or communities of color; a person selected by the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee; and a representative of the statewide association of public libraries.
- Allows other participants, agencies, organizations, or individuals to be invited to participate in the Council.

ESSB 5803: CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS WHEN THEIR CHILDREN ARE BELOW BASIC ON THE THIRD GRADE STATEWIDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

**Signed by the Governor*

- Changes the timing and participants in a required meeting with parents of third grade students who are reading below grade level.
- Requires that if no meeting occurs then the principal must notify the student's parents of the improvement options available and the school district's grade placement policy.
- Provides that if the school principal and parent cannot agree on the appropriate grade placement and improvement strategies, the parent's request will be honored.

SB 5805: CONCERNING CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

(HB 1840 Representative Magendanz)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds statewide dispute resolution organizations to the list of developers of a volunteer-based conflict resolution and mediation program for use in community groups, such as schools.
- Includes certified mediators, in addition to lawyers, as trainers for the program.

SB 5850: CONCERNING RESTRAINT OR ISOLATION OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

**SB 5850 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to those in SHB 1240.*

SHB 1149: PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL DATA ON STUDENTS FROM MILITARY FAMILIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Muri

**SHB 1149 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar to those in SSB 5163.*

SHB 1240: CONCERNING RESTRAINT OR ISOLATION OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet

(2SSB 5908 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

**SB 5850 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- States that restraint or isolation of any student is permitted only when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses an imminent likelihood of serious harm.
- Requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to establish criteria for the use of positive behavior interventions instead of aversive interventions.
- Provides that an individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan may include the use of restraint or isolation as a planned behavior intervention if a student's individual needs require more specific advanced educational planning and the student's parent or guardian agrees.
- Directs school districts to submit reports regarding restraint or isolation, and directs OSPI to publish this data.

E2SHB 1546: CONCERNING DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON STATE'S PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reykdal

(SB 5086 Senator Litzow)

**Signed by the Governor*

**SSB 5080 was not enacted, but the provisions are similar as described below:*

- Expands eligibility for College in the High School (CHS) to tenth-grade students and requires schools to provide information about the program to students in grades nine through twelve.
- Creates prioritized subsidies and per fee credit limits for CHS programs, subject to appropriation.

- Requires Running Start courses to be open to college students at the participating institution of higher education and eliminates Running Start courses offered in a high school consisting solely of high school students.
- Allows GET (Guaranteed Education Tuition) units to be used to pay fees for Running Start and CHS.

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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ESB 5424: ALLOWING PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS TO PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(EHB 1998 Representative Johnson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes public utility districts (PUD) to produce and utilize renewable natural gas (RNG) for internal operations.
- Establishes the conditions under which a PUD may sell RNG at wholesale or to an end-use customer.
- Clarifies that PUDs exercising their RNG authority are not subject to jurisdiction by the Utilities and Transportation Commission except for pipeline safety administration and enforcement.

ESB 5577: CONCERNING PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun

(ESHB 1845 Representative DeBolt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to convene a workgroup to evaluate pharmaceutical waste management practices and provide recommendations for implementing regulations statewide.
- Prohibits Ecology from using, for enforcement purposes, information shared by pharmaceutical waste generators or waste handling facilities during workgroup meetings unless the activity poses a threat to human health or the environment.

SB 5760: CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR MATERIALS OR WORK REQUIRED BY JOINT OPERATING AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the minimum dollar value of a joint operating agency's purchase of materials, equipment, or supplies that must be made through a sealed bid process from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- Increases the minimum dollar value of work ordered by a joint operating agency for construction of facilities that must be made through a sealed bid process from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

ESHB 1060: DIRECTING STATE INVESTMENTS OF EXISTING LITTER TAX REVENUES UNDER CHAPTER 82.19 RCW IN MATERIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT EFFORTS WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

(SSB 5659 Senator Ericksen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Ecology to coordinate the use of the litter tax funds to include composting and give priority to products taxed under the litter tax.
- Continues the local government and non-profit matching grant program that funds litter, recycling, and composting public education programs.
- Eliminates the biennial litter survey after June 30, 2017.
- Directs \$5 million of litter tax funds to be deposited into the State Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account until June 30, 2017.

ESHB 1449: CONCERNING OIL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Farrell

*(E2SSB 5057 Senator Ericksen and
SB 5087 Senator Ranker)*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires railroads to submit contingency plans to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and to demonstrate an ability to pay for a reasonable worst case oil spill as part of their annual report submitted to the Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC).

- Requires facilities receiving crude oil transported by railroads to provide advance notice of the route taken, volume, and region of origin to Ecology, on a weekly basis.
- Imposes the Oil Spill Response and Oil Spill Administration tax on oil by rail.
- Authorizes rules for tug escorts and safety measures for Grays Harbor and an evaluation and assessment of vessel traffic safety on the Columbia River.
- Authorizes the UTC to adopt safety standards and inspections for private railroad crossings and to enter private property to inspect rail shipments of hazardous materials.

SHB 1619: PROVIDING A BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX EXEMPTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HANDLING CHARGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative S. Hunt

(SSB 5563 Senator Honeyford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides an exemption to the B&O tax to producers, retailers, and stewardship organizations for environmental handling charges when:
 - added to the purchase price of mercury-containing lights;
 - retained by a retailer as reimbursement for costs associated with collection and remittance of an environmental handling charge; or
 - received by a stewardship organization from a producer or retailer.

SHB 1853: ENCOURAGING UTILITY LEADERSHIP IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE BUILD-OUT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Magendanz

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to consider policies to encourage electric vehicle charging equipment build-out when establishing rates for utilities.
- Authorizes the UTC to establish a rate of return on investment on capital expenditures for electric vehicle charging equipment that is deployed for the benefit of ratepayers.

SHB 1896: PROVIDING A STATEWIDE MINIMUM PRIVACY POLICY FOR DISCLOSURE OF CUSTOMER ENERGY USE INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Smith

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires electric utilities to disclose their policies concerning the confidentiality of private customer information.
- Prohibits electric utilities from disclosing or selling private or proprietary customer information.
- Prohibits the capture and sale of private or proprietary customer information for a commercial purpose.
- Clarifies that the Act does not apply to energy benchmarking programs that collect and analyze energy consumption data that does not disclose personally identifying information.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

786-7409

SB 5119: PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR TWO OR MORE NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM COVERING PROPERTY OR LIABILITY RISKS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 1249 Representative Clibborn)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes the statutory authority for nonprofit corporations to join a self-insurance program from the chapter addressing self-insurance programs of local governments and places it in its own chapter.
- Authorizes nonprofit corporations to enter into joint self-insurance programs with similar entities from other states.

SSB 5299: UPDATING, CLARIFYING, AND STRENGTHENING DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS' ENFORCEMENT, LICENSING, AND EXAMINATION STATUTES RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDING, AND ENHANCING THE CRIME OF MORTGAGE FRAUD IN THE RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LENDING PROCESS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(SHB 1048 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Amends the Mortgage Broker Practices Act and the Consumer Law Act to create consistency between the two so lenders can operate under a uniform set of laws to the extent possible.
- Includes the filing of a false document with the county recorder in the crime of mortgage fraud.
- Authorizes the sentencing judge in a criminal fraud action to correct false information in the public record resulting from the fraud.

SB 5300: UPDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS' REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT POWERS REGARDING CREDIT UNIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CREDIT UNIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 1062 Representative Stanford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Updates the date for which state-chartered credit unions have the same powers as federally chartered credit unions, called "federal parity."
- Clarifies and broadens the Department of Financial Institutions' enforcement tools and allows the director to temporarily suspend or restrict withdrawals.
- Updates the corporate governance and merger provisions for credit unions.
- Expands the definition of "low-income credit unions" which allows qualifying credit unions to issue secondary capital accounts and accept shares and deposits from non-members.

SB 5302: ADDRESSING THE PRUDENT INVESTOR RULE FOR WASHINGTON STATE TRUSTS, DELEGATION OF TRUSTEE DUTIES BY TRUSTEES OF A WASHINGTON STATE TRUST, AND STANDARDS FOR AUTHORIZATION AND TREATMENT OF STATUTORY TRUST ADVISORS AND DIRECTED TRUSTEES INCIDENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WASHINGTON STATE DIRECTED TRUSTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the trustee's duties for investing and requires the trustee to invest as a prudent investor using reasonable care; investment decisions must be evaluated as part of an overall investment strategy with risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the trust.
- Allows a trustee to delegate duties and powers; if the trustee delegates with reasonable care, the trustee is not liable for the delegate's actions.
- Creates the Washington Directed Trust Act which allows a trustor to provide for a "statutory trust advisor" (advisor) who has the power or duty to direct, consent to, or disapprove an action and a "directed trustee" who must follow the advisor's direction or get the advisor's consent with respect to a particular duty or function.

ESB 5471: ADDRESSING ELECTRONIC NOTICES AND DOCUMENT DELIVERY OF INSURANCE PRODUCTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 1329 Representative Stanford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits insurers to provide notices and documents required in an insurance transaction by electronic means if specified requirements are met.
- Permits insurers to electronically post standard property and casualty insurance policies to the insurer's website.

SSB 5538: CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE DEATH OF A TENANT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 1574 Representative Rodne)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a tenant to designate a representative to act on the tenant's behalf in the event of the tenant's death for the purposes of removing property and collecting unearned rent or deposits.
- Outlines a process for the landlord to provide notice to anyone who might have the lawful right to remove the tenant's property.
- Specifies a hierarchy of individuals who have the lawful authority to remove the property – including a personal representative and successor under a small estate proceeding.
- Authorizes a landlord to sell or dispose of a deceased tenant's property after the notice process has been followed and no representative has come forward to remove the tenant's property.

ESB 5616: CONCERNING PAWNBROKER FEES AND INTEREST RATES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 1176 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the 30-day interest rate for loan amounts of \$100 or more, from 3 percent of the loan to 4 percent of the loan.
- Modifies the one-time preparation fee for loans of \$100 or more from a gradually increasing schedule of fees to a flat fee of 13 percent of the loan amount.
- Increases the general storage fee and firearm storage fee from \$3 to \$5 and allows the fees to be charged on a recurring basis, every 30 days.
- The provisions of the Act expire on July 1, 2018, at which time the interest and fees revert back to the current levels.

SB 5717: AMENDING THE INSURER HOLDING COMPANY ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 1065 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Amends the Washington Insurer Holding Company Act by adopting provisions of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Model Act.
- Updates provisions with respect to acquisitions, divestitures, and examinations and requirements for transactions between insurers and their affiliates.
- Allows the Insurance Commissioner to participate in international supervisory colleges.
- Repeals the Holding Company Act for Health Care Service Contractors and Health Maintenance Organizations and includes these organizations as insurers under the Insurer Holding Company Act.

ESSB 5743: ADDRESSING INSURANCE PRODUCERS, INSURERS, AND TITLE INSURANCE AGENTS ACTIVITIES WITH CUSTOMERS AND POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

(ESHB 1761 Representative Stanford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds gift cards and certificates to the items that may be given to insureds or prospective insureds and increases the limit on the value of items that may be given from \$25 to \$100.
- Allows insurance producers to give gift cards and other items not exceeding \$100 in value per-person in any consecutive 12-month period for referrals if the gift is not conditioned upon the referred person applying for or obtaining insurance.
- Allows insurance producers to sponsor charitable or nonprofit organizations' events or make contributions if the sponsorships or contributions are not conditioned on the organization applying for or obtaining insurance.

SB 5757: ADDRESSING CREDIT UNIONS' CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND INVESTMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 1871 Representative Ryu)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adjusts the statutory duties of a credit union's governing board of directors and supervisory committee members.
- Allows a credit union to provide gifts and other benefits to a director or supervisory committee member regardless of whether it pays them compensation.
- Updates the investment authority of credit unions.

ESSB 5826: CREATING THE WASHINGTON SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT MARKETPLACE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the small business retirement marketplace which requires the Department of Commerce to contract with a private sector entity to establish a program that connects eligible small business employers with approved retirement plans.
- Prohibits financial services firms in the marketplace from charging administrative fees to employers or charging participating employees more than 100 basis points in total annual fees.

**SHB 2109 was not enacted but the provisions are substantially similar to those in ESSB 5826*

SB 5974: REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO REVIEW BARRIERS TO OFFERING SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE OPTIONS TO DISABLED VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to review barriers to attracting supplemental coverage options for disabled veterans and their dependents into the state and report on steps the state and the Department of Veterans Affairs can take to promote access to supplemental policies.
- Requires recommendations to be submitted to the appropriate committees of the Legislature, the Governor, and the Department of Veterans Affairs by November 11, 2015.

HB 1077: REGULATING CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the circumstances for allowing credit on an insurance company's financial statement for reinsurance, an insurance product purchased by an insurance company to pass risk of loss to another insurance company (the assuming insurer).
- Adds categories for assuming insurers, including accredited and certified.

HB 1172: CREATING THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stanford

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adopts the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Act (ORSA) as developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).
- Requires an insurer or insurance group to conduct an annual assessment, analyzing foreseeable risks that could impact the insurer's ability to meet its policyholder obligations.
- Requires insurers to document the ORSA process and file a summary report with the insurance commissioner upon request.

SHB 1283: CONCERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN DEBT ADJUSTING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Parker

(SSB 5485 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes a nonprofit debt adjuster to receive fair share payments from a creditor in addition to the 15 percent fee allowed under the debt adjusting statute.
- Defines "fair share" as creditor contributions paid to nonprofit debt adjusters by the creditors whose consumers receive debt-adjusting services.
- Requires nonprofit debt adjusters to report information and data to the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), and requires DFI to present a summary report of the information to the Legislature in 2016 and 2017.

HB 1308: ADDRESSING SURPLUS LINES OF INSURANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Vick

(SB 5725 Senator Benton)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Clarifies surplus line taxation in the state of Washington related to foreign risk.
- Provides that when Washington is the home state, the surplus line premium tax for property and casualty insurance must be computed upon the entire premium where the risks or exposures covered are located inside the United States or its territories.
- Provides that if the risks or exposures are located outside of the United States and its territories, no tax is due or payable for the portion of the premium properly allocated to risks and exposures located outside the United States and its territories.
- Modernizes the stamp required on a surplus line insurance policy.

SHB 1575: REGULATING RETAINAGE BONDS ON PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buys

**Signed by the Governor*

- Prohibits a public body from requiring an authorized surety to have an A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating greater than A- when a contractor submits a retainage bond in lieu of the contract retainage on a public improvement contract.

SHB 1730: CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF EARNEST MONEY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a party to a real estate transaction to demand disbursement of earnest money from a holder, e.g. an escrow company.
- Creates a process for a holder of earnest money who has received a demand for the release of funds to notify interested parties and either release the funds to the demanding party or, if an objection is received, file an interpleader action with the court.
- Authorizes notice and service of the court action to be made by first class mail.

SHB 2109: CREATING THE WASHINGTON SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT MARKETPLACE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

**SHB 2109 was not enacted but the provisions are substantially similar to those in ESSB 5826*

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & SECURITY

786-7447

SB 5024: MAKING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS MADE NECESSARY BY REORGANIZING AND STREAMLINING CENTRAL SERVICE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 1055 Representative Bergquist)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Makes technical changes conforming several statutes to a 2011 act reorganizing state government agencies and functions.
- Decodifies or repeals obsolete or duplicative statutes.
- The Governor vetoed sections previously amended or repealed, rather than decodified, by other legislation.

SB 5035: AUTHORIZING THE AWARDING OF THE MEDAL OF VALOR TO A GROUP OF PERSONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes awarding the state Medal of Valor to a group of persons.

ESSB 5048: SUBJECTING A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A CITY OR TOWN TO ASSUME A WATER-SEWER DISTRICT TO A REFERENDUM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Chase

(ESHB 1417 Representative Takko)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a resolution or ordinance adopted by a city legislative body to assume jurisdiction of all or part of a water-sewer district (district) is subject to referendum by the voters in the area to be assumed.
- Establishes requirements and provisions related to the referendum process.
- Exempts full or partial assumptions from being subject to a referendum if the assumption occurs through a contract or an interlocal agreement between the city and the district.
- Provides that a resolution or ordinance adopted by a city legislative body to assume jurisdiction of all or part of a district may not take effect until 90 or more days after adoption.

SB 5075: MAKING NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO PROCUREMENT LAW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Baumgartner

(HB 1235 Representative Holy)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes changes to correct statutory cross-references, correct the agency name, clarify policy, and repeal outdated provisions of law pertaining to procurement.

SB 5139: CONCERNING BUILDING CODE STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS FOUR OR MORE STORIES HIGH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**Signed by the Governor*

- Eliminates an exemption in the State Building Code for certain buildings that are four or more stories high.

SB 5176: CONCERNING THE CAPITOL FURNISHINGS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

(HB 1217 Representative Moeller)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds the General Administration Building, if repurposed or remodeled, and the Pritchard Building to the Capitol Group of buildings.

- Authorizes the Capitol Furnishings Preservation Committee (Committee) to engage in interpretive and educational activities.
- Authorizes the Secretary of Senate and Chief Clerk to appoint designees to serve on the Committee.
- Allows the Governor to appoint three additional private citizens to the Committee.

SB 5238: CONCERNING PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS' PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the list of entities to be notified of proposed amendments to comprehensive plans and development regulations as part of the public participation requirements under Growth Management Act to include Group A public water systems that are required to develop water system plans.

SB 5249: CREATING A BOND ISSUANCE EXEMPTION FOR QUALIFYING LOCAL REVITALIZATION FINANCING PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

(HB 1265 Representative Fey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a city or county does not need to issue bonds for the Tacoma International Financial Services Area/Tacoma Dome Demonstration Project or for local revitalization financing projects of less than \$150,000.

SSB 5276: CONCERNING REFUNDS OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID AS A RESULT OF MANIFEST ERRORS IN DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a county legislative authority to grant a property tax refund more than three years after the tax due date for taxes paid as a result of a manifest error in a description of property.

SB 5337: MODIFYING PER DIEM RATES FOR PORT DISTRICT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser

(HB 1529 Representative Tharinger)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Changes the current maximum per diem amount that may be paid to port district employees and officials for travel and business expenses when travel requires overnight lodging from \$25 to not to exceed the United States General Services Administration's per diem rates.

SB 5348: ALLOWING PUBLIC AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR THE JOINT UTILIZATION OF ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Miloscia

(HB 1079 Representative Kochmar)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows two or more public agencies to enter into a contract providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services if the agency complies with the requirements for contracting for those services and the services provided to the other agency are related to the services the architectural or engineering firm is selected to perform.

SB 5482: ADDRESSING THE DISCLOSURE OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM DATA BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts Global Positioning System data indicating the location of criminal justice agency employee residences from public disclosure.

SB 5532: MODIFYING CERTAIN WASHINGTON GIFT OF LIFE AWARD PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Governor to annually present the Washington Gift of Life award to nominated families of donors who have donated organs, rather than to six families.
- Requires organ procurement organizations to seek permission from the organ donor's family selected to receive the award for the release of the organ donor's name to the Governor's office.
- Changes the wording on the Gift of Life award.

SSB 5591: ALLOWING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REFERRAL AND EDUCATION SERVICES PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

(HB 2077 Representative Peterson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes providers of emergency medical services with tax levying authority and federally recognized Indian tribes to develop Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (CARES) programs.
- Clarifies the scope of practice for emergency medical technicians (EMTs), advanced EMTs, and paramedics when participating in CARES programs.
- Provides immunity from liability for EMTs, advanced EMTs, paramedics, and medical program directors for good faith acts or omissions as part of CARES programs.

SSB 5633: CREATING A COORDINATOR FOR THE HELMETS TO HARDHATS PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a coordinator for the national Helmets to Hardhats Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist the National Guard and retired or transitioning active-duty military service members in obtaining skilled training and career opportunities in the construction industry.

SB 5768: CONCERNING COUNTY ELECTRONIC PUBLIC AUCTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

(HB 1799 Representative Nealey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a county may sell real and personal property at auction via electronic media.
- Allows a county treasurer to require a good faith deposit from auction participants, and makes provision for notice, forfeiture and refunds of deposits, and the acceptance of electronic funds and transfers for payment.

ESSB 5785: REVISING THE DEFINITION OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

**Governor Vetoed*

- ~~Amends the definition in the Ethics in Public Service Act of official duty for a state officer holding an elective office to mean those duties prescribed in the state Constitution or statute, agency rules, legislatively funded or mandated authorities and responsibilities, activities described in an agency's publicly released strategic plan or similar document, and tasks or actions directly related to the officer's other official duties.~~

SSB 5795: AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE ASSESSMENT REIMBURSEMENT AREAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF WATER OR SEWER FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(SHB 1911 Representative Fitzgibbon)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a municipality to create an assessment reimbursement area (ARA) on its own initiative, finance all of the costs associated with construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities (facilities), and become the sole beneficiary of reimbursements.

- Requires the municipality to notify affected property owners of its preliminary determination of the ARA's boundaries and assessments, and record its final determination with the county auditor.
- Provides that a municipality may be reimbursed only for the costs associated with construction or improvements of facilities that benefit property that will connect to or use the facilities within the ARA.
- Establishes that reimbursements to a municipality may only occur when the property is developed or redeveloped in a manner requiring connection to or use of the facilities, or when a property is requesting connection to or use of the facilities and may not exceed the property's pro-rata share of costs associated with construction of facilities.

ESSB 5810: PROMOTING THE USE, ACCEPTANCE, AND REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO THE USE AND ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(SHB 1920 Representative S. Hunt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes, but does not require, state agencies to accept electronic signatures in the same manner as physical signatures.
- Directs the state Chief Information Officer to establish standards, policies, and guidance for electronic signatures and submissions.
- Modifies various statutory provisions requiring physical signatures or submissions.

SB 5871: CREATING APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY HOMEOWNERS WITH FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS REQUIRED TO CONNECT TO PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 2010 Representative Takko)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that counties, cities, and towns with an ordinance or regulation requiring connection to a public sewer system also have an administrative appeals process to consider denials of permit applications to repair or replace failing on-site septic systems of single-family homes.
- Establishes requirements and considerations related to the appeals process.

SSB 5887: AUTHORIZING LONGER LEASES FOR PROPERTY AT THE FORMER NORTHERN STATE HOSPITAL SITE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

(HB 2037 Representative Scott)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to lease property at the Northern State Hospital site for up to 60 years rather than the general DES lease authority of 10 years.

SB 5958: PROVIDING FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE VETERANS' HOMES ON THE GOVERNOR'S VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(HB 2114 Representative Appleton)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) appoint a liaison to any state veterans' home with no representative on the VAAC.
- Authorizes the Governor to appoint a member-at-large to the VAAC if the resident council for the Orting or Retsil veterans' home does not nominate a representative to the VAAC.

SJM 8008: CALLING FOR A NATIONAL GUARD STRYKER BRIGADE STATIONED ON THE WEST COAST

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

- Requests support to convert the Washington National Guard's 81st Armored Brigade Combat Team into a Stryker brigade combat team.

HB 1011: ASSIGNING COUNTIES TO TWO CLIMATE ZONES FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Short

**Signed by the Governor*

- Designates the state's climate zones used in the Energy Code in statute.
- Establishes that one of the state's two climate zones for building purposes is comprised of the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima. The other zone is comprised of all other counties not listed in statute.
- Provides that the assignment of a county to a climate zone may not be changed by adoption of a model code or rule.

HB 1013: AUTHORIZING REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES TO BE HELD AT ALTERNATE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Appleton

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a county legislative authority to hold regular meetings, in which ordinances may be adopted, outside of the county seat but within the county. This option may be exercised no more than once per quarter.
- Requires a county legislative authority to provide notice of a regular meeting outside the county seat at least 30 days in advance on the county's website, in a newspaper of general circulation, and via email to residents requesting notice by email.

HB 1047: CONCERNING STATE AGENCIES CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

(SB 5020 Senator Bailey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that the Washington Military Department provide for the prioritization, development, and exercise of continuity of operations planning by the state.
- Establishes that the Adjutant General must develop and implement a program for interagency coordination of continuity of operations planning by state agencies.
- Requires each state agency to develop an organizational continuity of operations plan that is updated and exercised annually in compliance with the program for interagency coordination of continuity of operations planning.

SHB 1088: MODIFYING PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko.

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the maximum per diem rate for flood control zone district supervisors and adjusts the per diem rate for inflation every five years beginning in 2018.

SHB 1145: ALLOWING JOINT MEETINGS OF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haler

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows two or more county legislative authorities to hold joint meetings to transact business if an agenda item is of shared interest or concern. A joint regular meeting, in which ordinances may be adopted, may be held in the county seat of a participating county. A joint special meeting may be held at the county seat or other location in a participating county.
- Requires a county legislative authority participating in a joint regular meeting outside its county to comply with special meeting mandates, including notice provided at least 24 hours in advance to requesting media, on the county website, and at meeting sites.

SHB 1313: GRANTING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS AND REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTHORITIES BIENNIAL BUDGET AUTHORITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

(SB 5182 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows fire protection districts and regional fire protection authorities to adopt biennial budgets, rather than annual budgets, with reviews and modifications before the second year of the biennium.

HB 1317: REVISING THE LIEN FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES BY COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

(SB 5172 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a county that operates a sewer or water system to impose a sewerage lien for up to six months without recording the lien with the county auditor. The lien includes all charges, interest, penalties, and lien recording and release fees.
- Allows a county to enforce the lien by terminating water service to the property.
- Establishes that a county may adopt a resolution or ordinance allowing a sewerage lien to be imposed by the county for up to one year without recording with the county auditor.

SHB 1382: ADDRESSING THE DELIVERY OF BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND TESTING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Griffey

(SSB 5455 Senator Rivers)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that the State Fire Marshal develop a plan for delivery of basic firefighter training and testing to fire agencies.
- Sets an order of priority for delivery of basic firefighter training or reimbursement to fire agencies independently conducting basic firefighter training.

HB 1389: ADDRESSING THE SCOPE OF STATE FIRE SERVICE MOBILIZATION AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE POLICIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

(SB 5181 Senator Pearson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the use of the state Fire Mobilization Plan for all risk resources regularly provided by fire agencies in response to natural and man-made incidents.
- Prohibits the use of the state Fire Mobilization Plan to assist with police activities during civil protest or demonstration, but fire agencies are not restricted from providing medical care or firefighting for any purpose when mobilized.
- Requires Washington State Patrol to report annually on the uses and costs of the state Fire Mobilization Plan for incidents other than fire suppression.
- Expires on July 1, 2019.

ESHB 1410: MODIFYING PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS OF WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the estimated cost threshold for work ordered by a district that requires competitive bidding from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

HB 1431: MODIFYING EXEMPTIONS RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist

(SB 5395 Senator Roach)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts from public disclosure documents prepared by an agency for the purpose of considering:
 - Agency acquisition of real estate, if public knowledge would increase sale price; and
 - Sale of agency-owned real estate, if public knowledge would decrease sale price.

SHB 1447: GRANTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES THE AUTHORITY TO FINE CONTRACTORS AS A PENALTY FOR CERTAIN BEHAVIORS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Holy

(SB 5479 Senator Liias)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to fine a goods and services contractor instead of debarring the contractor from participating in state contracting. Fines must be based on existing grounds for debarment, which include criminal and civil violations.
- Requires DES to provide a contractor with notice of intent to fine and the specific reason for the fine. DES must establish the fining process by administrative rule.

HB 1547: AUTHORIZING FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE HOSTING OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE TREASURERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative S. Hunt

(SB 5587 Senator Becker)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the State Treasurer's Office and designated employees to solicit gifts for the annual conference of the National Association of State Treasurers consistent with the Ethics Act.

HB 1554: EXEMPTING INFORMATION OF GUARDIANS OR FAMILY MEMBERS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE, EARLY LEARNING, PARKS AND RECREATION, AFTER-SCHOOL, AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stambaugh

(SB 5396 Senator Roach)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts the personal information of family members or guardians of children enrolled in certain programs from public disclosure if the person has the same last name or lives at the same address as the child and disclosure would also reveal the child's personal information.

SHB 1636: REQUIRING DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT REPORTING BY STATE AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative MacEwen

(ESB 5524 Senator Sheldon)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires agencies employing 100 or more people to submit an annual report to the Human Resources Director at the Office of Financial Management, with copies to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the Governor's Disability Employment Task Force.
- Provides that the report must contain information from the previous calendar year, including:
 - the number of employees;
 - the number classified as individuals with disabilities;
 - the number of employees that separated from the state agency and the number hired;
 - the number of DVR and the Department of Services for the Blind (DSB) clients who were hired, as well as the number of planned hires for the current fiscal year; and
 - opportunities for DVR, DSB, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration clients leading to permanent employment for the current year.

SHB 1806: CORRECTING REFERENCES TO ELECTIONS STATUTES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van Werven

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes technical corrections to election law statutes to reflect past recodifications.

HB 1819: CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS TO INSPECT THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE OR A CANDIDATE COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wilson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires a person making an appointment to inspect campaign books of account to provide the campaign treasurer with the inspector's name and telephone number.
- Requires an inspector to show photo identification before inspection begins.
- Provides that a campaign treasurer may refuse to show campaign books of account to a person who does not make an appointment or provide the required identification.

EHB 1868: EXPANDING COUNTY ROAD FUND PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lytton

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- Allows counties made up entirely of islands, specifically San Juan and Island counties, to use proceeds from the county road levy for marine uses relating to navigation and moorage.

SHB 1919: CLARIFYING THE TIMING OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative S. Hunt

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- Moves up the deadline for requesting a February or April special election from 46 to 60 days prior to the election.
- Shortens the timeline for certification of a February or April special election from 14 to 10 days after the election.
- Makes conforming changes to several statutes including those establishing the deadlines for local ordinance petitions and for appointing a local committee to prepare voters' pamphlet arguments.

ESHB 1980: IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(SB 6020 Senator Chase)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- ~~Requires disclosure of Washington State Patrol criminal background check results of guardians ad litem to parties and their attorneys.~~
- Expands definition of personal financial information, which is exempt from public disclosure.
- Exempts information in local or regional gang databases from public disclosure.
- Modifies provisions regarding disclosure of ride-share participant information and transit pass purchaser information.
- Removes exemption from public disclosure for proprietary reports obtained by the Pollution Liability Insurance Program.
- Exempts voluntarily submitted information in enhanced 911 systems or emergency notification systems from public disclosure, but allows disclosure of such information to emergency responders.

HB 2055: CONCERNING STATEMENTS ON BALLOT MEASURES IN VOTERS' PAMPHLETS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Johnson

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Directs that a committee must have the explanatory and fiscal impact statement available when preparing its arguments on a ballot measure.
- Makes explanatory statements from the Attorney General's Office due by the date specified in the request from the Secretary of State.
- ~~Makes fiscal impact statements from the Office of Financial Management due by the date specified in the request from the Secretary of State, and creates a process to challenge a fiscal impact statement in court.~~

HEALTH CARE

786-7456

SB 5011: ADDRESSING THIRD-PARTY PAYOR RELEASE OF HEALTH CARE INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

(HB 1005 Representative Cody)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows third-party payors to release health care information under specified conditions listed in the Uniform Health Care Information Act, correcting an inadvertent change limiting data access for research purposes that was included in 2014 legislation.

SSB 5023: CONCERNING THE FILING OF GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN SMALL GROUP PLANS, STAND-ALONE DENTAL PLANS, AND STAND-ALONE VISION PLANS BY DISABILITY INSURERS, HEALTH CARE SERVICE CONTRACTORS, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(SHB 1053 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires insurance carriers offering group health benefit plans, other than small group plans, to file all rates and forms with the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC) before the contract form is offered for sale.
- Requires the OIC to develop rules for all carriers that reflect the already-adopted standards in place for carriers licensed as health care service contractors and health maintenance organizations.

SSB 5027: PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING DATABASE FOR CLINICAL LABORATORIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(ESHB 1103 Representative Jinkins)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits clinical laboratories to access the Prescription Monitoring Database to determine what medications are used by a patient who is under the care of a health care practitioner.
- Prohibits clinical laboratories from storing the data they receive and provides they may only provide data to health care practitioners.

2SSB 5052: ESTABLISHING THE CANNABIS PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Regulates medical marijuana through the structure provided for recreational marijuana under Initiative Measure No. 502 and provides that medical products must meet or exceed the product standards required of recreational marijuana.
- Establishes a medical marijuana endorsement to a marijuana retail license to allow the sale of marijuana for the medical use of qualifying patients or their designated providers.
- Establishes a medical marijuana authorization database in which patients or their providers may register and receive a recognition card to be used to identify them as qualifying patients or providers.
- Permits patients and providers with a recognition card to grow up to 15 plants to produce marijuana for their personal medical use and to possess and purchase up to three times the amounts of marijuana permitted for recreational users.
- Adds post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury to the conditions that qualify people for the medical use of marijuana.
- Repeals collective gardens effective July 1, 2016.
- Permits four person cooperatives that allow participating patients and providers to grow marijuana for the personal medical use of the cooperative participants. The location of the cooperative must be at least one mile

from a marijuana retailer and must be registered with the Liquor and Cannabis Board. Each participating member must hold a recognition card and be registered as participants with the Liquor and Cannabis Board.

- ~~Provides that marijuana identified by the Department of Health as beneficial for medical marijuana patients may not be listed in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.~~
- ~~Prohibits employers of health care professionals from limiting medical marijuana recommendations to patients.~~

ESSB 5084: MODIFYING THE ALL PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND COST TRANSPARENCY BY CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATED TO DEFINITIONS REGARDING DATA, REPORTING AND PRICING OF PRODUCTS, RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND THE LEAD ORGANIZATION, SUBMISSION TO THE DATABASE, AND PARAMETERS FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

(HB 1437-Representative Cody)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the All Payer Claims Database (database) and requires claims data from all health carriers operating in the state, the state Medicaid Program, the Public Employees Benefits Board Program, the state Labor and Industries Program, and all third-party administrators paying claims on behalf of health plans in this state.
- Establishes criteria for the competitive procurement of a lead organization to establish the database and the data vendor.
- Enhances protections for the claims data with degrees of access, and directs the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to develop rules establishing penalties for misuse of the data.
- Requires reports from OFM on the development and implementation of the database, with updates every two years evaluating the database and the lead organization.

SB 5121: ESTABLISHING A MARIJUANA RESEARCH LICENSE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes a marijuana research license that allows a licensee to produce and possess marijuana for research purposes such as testing for chemical potency and composition levels, and conducting research on the efficacy and safety of administering marijuana as part of medical treatment.
- Requires marijuana research license applicants to have their research projects approved by the Life Sciences Discovery Fund.

SB 5144: REQUIRING ALL MEETINGS OF THE ROBERT BREE COLLABORATIVE TO BE SUBJECT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires all meetings of the Bree Collaborative, including subcommittees, to be subject to the Open Public Meetings Act.

SSB 5147: ESTABLISHING A MEDICAID BASELINE HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING THE MEDICAID POPULATION'S HEALTH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires Medicaid contracts to incorporate the performance measure set developed by the Performance Measure Committee, and to include an initial health screening that must be conducted for new enrollees. (Continues the health screening required by the 2013-15 legislative budget as a statutory requirement.)

SSB 5165: AUTHORIZING PALLIATIVE CARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH TREATMENT OR MANAGEMENT OF SERIOUS OR LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

(HB 1167 Representative Harris)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the home health care and hospice care benefit, provided by health plans licensed as health care service contractors and disability insurance contractors, to remove the requirement that patients seeking palliative care in conjunction with treatment or management of a serious or life threatening illness be homebound.

SSB 5175: REGARDING TELEMEDICINE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

(HB 1403 Representative Bergquist)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires health insurance carriers, including the plans offered to state employees and Medicaid managed care plan enrollees, to reimburse a provider for a health care service delivered through telemedicine when certain criteria is met.
- Establishes criteria for certain facilities to be originating sites that may charge a facility fee for the infrastructure and preparation of the patient, and establishes criteria for the distant site where the provider is located and the service is being provided through telemedicine.

SSB 5268: CONCERNING REFILLING EYE DROP PRESCRIPTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits pharmacists to refill a prescription for topical ophthalmic products at 70 percent of the predicted days of use, rather than wait until the prescription is scheduled to run out.

SSB 5293: CONCERNING THE USE OF HYDROCODONE PRODUCTS BY LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

(SHB 5293 Representative Harris)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes optometrists to use, prescribe, dispense, purchase, possess, or administer Schedule II hydrocodone combination products.
- Authorizes the Board of Optometry to include Schedule II hydrocodone combination products in its list of approved oral controlled substances and oral legend drugs.

ESSB 5346: PROVIDING FIRST RESPONDERS WITH CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SUBSCRIBERS OF PERSONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES DURING AN EMERGENCY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires companies providing personal emergency response services to provide client information when requested by first responders, that include fire fighters, law enforcement officers, or emergency medical personnel, during an emergency that renders the personal emergency response services system inoperable for 24 hours or more.

ESSB 5441: ADDRESSING PATIENT MEDICATION COORDINATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers

(HB 1566 Representative Robinson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires health insurance carriers, including the health plans offered to state employees, to implement a medication synchronization policy for prescription drugs that allow the coordination of medication refills for a patient taking two or more medications for a chronic condition.
- Requires health insurance carriers to adjust the enrollee cost-sharing for the medication synchronization, when there is a coinsurance it must be adjusted for a refill amount that is less than the standard refill, and when there is a copayment it must be adjusted by either discounting the copayment by 50 percent, discounting the

copayment rate based on 15-day increments, or another method approved by the Office of Insurance Commissioner.

SSB 5448: REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS LONG-TERM ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY HAS ON CERTAIN LYME DISEASE PATIENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hatfield).

(HB 1347 Representative Blake)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Medical Quality Assurance Commission to study the effects of long-term antibiotic therapy on patients who have been diagnosed with post-treatment Lyme disease syndrome, and report its findings to the Governor and the Legislature.

ESSB 5460: ALLOWING PRACTITIONERS TO PRESCRIBE AND DISTRIBUTE PREPACKAGED EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS TO EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS WHEN A PHARMACY IS NOT AVAILABLE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(HB 1402 Representative Schmick)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits hospitals to allow health care practitioners to prescribe and distribute prepackaged emergency medications to emergency room patients when community or outpatient hospital pharmacy services are not available within 15 miles of the hospital or if the patient has no reasonable ability to reach the community or outpatient pharmacy.
- Allows hospital pharmacies to engage in intracompany sales, such as sales between divisions, subsidiaries, and affiliated or related companies. They may also sell prescription drugs for emergency purposes such as to alleviate a temporary shortage.
- Permits hospitals with pharmacy licenses to include under its license any individual practitioner's office or multi-practitioner clinic that is owned and operated by the hospital and listed on the pharmacy application.

SSB 5488: CONCERNING APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

(HB 1555 Representative Robinson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes three behavior analysis professions in Washington: (1) certified behavior technicians; (2) licensed assistant behavior analysts; and (3) licensed behavior analysts.
- Establishes the scopes of practice and licensure requirements for the three applied behavior analysis (ABA) professions.
- Establishes a Washington State ABA advisory committee to consult with the Department of Health in determining the qualifications for ABA licensure or certification.

ESSB 5557: ADDRESSING SERVICES PROVIDED BY PHARMACISTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires health plans to cover services performed by a pharmacist if the service would have been covered when performed by a physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physicians' assistant, and to add pharmacists to the network of participating providers, for all plans beginning January 1, 2017.
- Requires health plans that delegate credentialing to health care facilities to accept credentialing for pharmacists employed by those facilities for the 2016 plan year and reimburse the facilities for covered services performed by pharmacists.
- Requires health plans to include pharmacists as part of every category of provider that must be allowed to provide health services or care included in the essential health benefits benchmark plan.
- Requires the Office of Insurance Commissioner to designate a lead organization to facilitate an advisory committee to implement the requirements for pharmacists, and develop best practice recommendations for credentialing and payment processes.

**SB 5606: MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATED TO LICENSING AND SCOPE
 OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL PROFESSIONALS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jayapal

(HB 1384 Representative Harris)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Enables dental hygienists and dental assistants to take impressions of the teeth or jaw as a delegated duty under rules adopted by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission.
- Enables the Department of Health to issue a limited license to dental hygienists who are actively practicing and licensed in a Canadian province if the province allows a substantially equivalent scope of practice to what is allowed in Washington.

**SSB 5772: REQUIRING PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO
 PROVIDE REQUESTED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AT THE
 TIME OF LICENSE RENEWAL**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

(HB 1873 Representative Tharinger)

**SSB 5772 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SHB 1485.*

**SSB 5877: CONCERNING DUE PROCESS FOR ADULT FAMILY HOME
 LICENSEES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to hold a hearing within 60 days of a hearing request in response to a license suspension, stop placement order, or order issuing conditions for continuation of a license for adult family home licensees.
- Permits, if all parties agree, a delay in the hearing of up to 120 days from the hearing request.

ESB 5935: CONCERNING BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that pharmacists must substitute an interchangeable biological product for the biological product prescribed if the wholesale price of the interchangeable biological product is less than the wholesale price of the prescribed product.
- Requires a pharmacist who substitutes an interchangeable biological product for a prescribed biological product to notify the prescriber.
- Permits notification of substitution to be made through an electronic records system that can be electronically accessed by the patient's health care practitioner. If the records system is not available, notification may be made via telephone or facsimile.

**SHB 1002: PROHIBITING UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE DENTAL INSURANCE
 PRACTICES**

Prime Sponsor: Representative DeBolt

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires a health plan offering a dental-only plan to cover treatment of an emergency dental condition when service is provided on the same day the patient is examined and diagnosed.
- Requires health plans offering dental-only plans to annually submit data to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

**SHB 1010: CONCERNING REFERRAL OF MEDICAL CASES TO
 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Johnson

(SSB 5034 Senator Habib)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows optometrists to refer medical cases to occupational therapists for treatment.

SHB 1045: CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF EAST ASIAN MEDICINE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

(SB 5162 Senator Angel)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes an East Asian Medicine Advisory Board (Board) that is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Health.
- Directs the Board to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Health on standards for the practice of East Asian medicine.
- Removes the requirement that East Asian medicine practitioners develop an emergency consultation plan and replaces it with a requirement that practitioners must call 911, request an ambulance, and provide patient support in an emergency situation.

SHB 1132: CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ADULT FAMILY HOMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

(SB 5796 Senator Becker)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to issue a one-time waiver of all or part of licensing, processing, and change-of-ownership fees for an adult family home if payment of the fee would present a hardship to the applicant.
- Allows DSHS to extend the timeframe, by up to four months, for an adult family home license applicant to complete administration and business planning class requirements in cases of exceptional circumstances.

SHB 1183: CONCERNING RADIOLOGY BENEFIT MANAGERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Harris

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires a radiology benefit manager that is owned by an insurance carrier, or acts as a subcontractor for a carrier, to register with the Department of Revenue's Business Licensing Program.

SHB 1184: INCREASING THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS PARTICIPATING IN ONLINE ACCESS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides advanced social workers, independent clinical social workers, independent clinical social worker associates, and marriage and family therapists access to the University of Washington's Health Sciences Library.

SHB 1252: PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ALLOWING OR PERMITTING UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY OR REFLEXOLOGY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie

(SB 5582 Senator Cleveland)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes it a misdemeanor offense for an owner of a massage or reflexology business to knowingly, or with criminal negligence, allow the unlicensed practice of massage therapy or reflexology.
- Makes a subsequent offense a gross misdemeanor.

HB 1259: ALLOWING ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO SIGN AND ATTEST TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 5682 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows advanced registered nurse practitioners to sign and attest to any certificates, cards, forms, or other required documentation that a physician may sign, so long as it is within the nurse's scope of practice.

SHB 1285: REQUIRING CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SCREENING FOR NEWBORNS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that, before an infant is discharged from a hospital, the hospital screens the infant for critical congenital heart disease.
- Ensures that a health care provider, who is attending a birth outside a hospital, provides screening for heart disease or notifies the parents that the screening has not been provided and the infant should be tested within 48 hours of birth.

HB 1307: CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT PROVIDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Harris

(SB 5674 Senator Cleveland)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides enforcement standards and actions for residential services and support providers who provide services to the developmental disability community.
- Provides potential enforcement actions for a person who fails to comply with the Department of Social and Health Services's requirements, which include imposing conditions on a provider's certification; requiring additional training or limits on the types of clients the provider may serve; imposing a limited stop placement to prevent certain clients from being served by the provider; and imposing civil fines of up to \$100 a day, with a maximum fine of \$3,000 per violation.

ESHB 1424: CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

**Signed by the Governor*

- Delays the requirement that certain health professions complete one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.
- Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for training programs on its model list.
- Requires trainings in suicide assessment treatment and management to meet minimum standards adopted by the DOH.
- Clarifies that a disciplining authority may not grant a blanket exemption from the training requirements to broad categories or specialties within a profession.

E2SHB 1471: MITIGATING BARRIERS TO PATIENT ACCESS TO CARE RESULTING FROM HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACTING PRACTICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 5560 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Bans health plans, including plans offered to state employees, from requiring prior authorization for an initial evaluation and management visit or an initial treatment for chiropractic, physical therapy, occupational therapy, East Asian medicine, massage therapy, or speech and hearing therapies.
- Requires health plans to post certain information on a website, including prior authorization standards and criteria, and if they apply different prior authorization standards among tiers of contracting providers of the same profession the plan must identify the tier a provider is in.
- Bans health plans from requiring a provider to provide a discount from usual and customary rates for non-covered services.

E2SHB 1485: CONCERNING FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCIES IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haler

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the family medicine residency programs (FMRPs) in Washington to annually report certain information to the Department of Health.

- Directs the deans of the schools of medicine to prioritize the support of health professional shortage areas in Washington in developing and funding FMRPs.
- Places a 10 percent cap on the use of appropriated state funds for FMRPs for administrative or overhead costs.
- Re-establishes the Family Medicine Education Advisory Board to provide recommendations on the selection of areas within Washington where affiliate residency programs could exist, the allocation of funds, and the procedures for review of residency programs.

**SSB 5772 and HB 1873 are incorporated in their entirety into E2SHB 1485, as described below:*

- Directs the Medical Quality Assurance Commission to request certain demographic information from allopathic and osteopathic physicians.

HB 1531: REMOVING EXPIRATION DATES FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

(SB 5599 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts individual providers from home care aide certification requirements if they provide 20 hours or less of care a month or provide only respite services and work less than 300 hours a year.
- Requires that these individual providers must complete 35 hours of training, but they are not required to complete annual continuing education requirements.
- Allows the Department of Health to issue a 60-day provisional certification to long-term care workers who have limited English proficiency.

SHB 1625: CONCERNING PROVISION OF DRUGS TO AMBULANCE OR AID SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that pharmacies operated by a hospital may provide minimal quantities of medications to ambulance and aid services for uses associated with providing emergency medical services.
- Requires that the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Steering Committee consider the use of hydrocortisone sodium succinate and glucagon emergency kits by emergency medical technicians and report to the Legislature on its findings by December 15, 2015.

HB 1637: AUTHORIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTORIAL OFFICIALS OF FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION MONITORING DATA

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary

(SB 5290 Senator Braun)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows law enforcement officers or prosecutorial officials of federally recognized tribes who are engaged in bona fide specific investigations involving a designated person to receive data from the Prescription Monitoring Program.

HB 1652: CONCERNING MEDICAID MANAGED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 5590 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the requirement that Medicaid managed care plans pay a nonparticipating provider no more than the lowest amount paid for that service under the managed care system's contracts with similar providers in the state, if the managed care plan has made good faith efforts to contract with the nonparticipating provider.
- Modifies the expiration date from July 1, 2016, to July 1, 2021.

ESHB 1671: CONCERNING ACCESS TO OPIOID OVERDOSE MEDICATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Walkinshaw

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits a health care practitioner who is authorized to prescribe legend drugs to prescribe, dispense, distribute, and deliver an opioid overdose medication directly to a person at risk of opioid-related overdose or to a person or group who may assist a person at risk of an opioid-related overdose.
- Requires written instructions to be provided with the opioid-overdose medication when it is dispensed. The written instructions must include a requirement that immediate medical attention be sought after the medication is provided.

SHB 1721: CONCERNING THE TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS BY AMBULANCE TO FACILITIES OTHER THAN HOSPITALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Robinson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Health and Department of Social and Health Services to convene a workgroup to establish guidelines by July 1, 2016, for the transport of a patient to a mental health facility or chemical dependency treatment program.
- Provides specific authority for ambulance services to transport a patient to a mental health facility or chemical dependency treatment program and extends immunity from liability when transporting a patient in accordance with the new guidelines.
- Requires the Health Care Authority to develop a reimbursement methodology for ambulance services when a Medicaid client is transported to a mental health facility or chemical dependency treatment program.

SHB 1727: MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITY RELATING TO NURSING ASSISTANTS' PRACTICE SETTINGS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

**Signed by the Governor*

- Redefines the term "health care facility," for the purposes of where a nursing assistant may practice, to include licensed service providers under the Community Mental Health Services Act other than individual health care providers.

HB 1779: REQUIRING SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR PERSONS CONDUCTING VICTIM INTERVIEWS AS PART OF THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS FOR A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van De Wege

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires, for all complaints alleging sexual misconduct, that victim interviews conducted as part of a disciplinary investigation of a credentialed health care provider be conducted by a person who has successfully completed training in interviewing victims of sexual misconduct.

HB 1873: REQUIRING PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO PROVIDE REQUESTED DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF LICENSE RENEWAL

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

(SSB 5772 Senator Conway)

**HB 1873 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SHB 1485.*

**EHB 1890: CONCERNING A SECOND-PARTY PAYMENT PROCESS FOR
PAYING ISSUER**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

(SB 5798 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires health insurance carriers to accept payments made by a second-party payment process as long as the account held by an institution or entity is funded by the individual or individual's family members and payments are authorized by the individual.
- Allows insurance carriers to deny payments made by a second-party payer that is controlled by, or receives funding from, an entity that may be reimbursed by the carrier for providing services (such as a provider or hospital).

**SHB 2021: CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE
FOUNDATION**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the Prescription Drug Assistance Foundation (Foundation) to broaden the assistance, beyond the focus on the uninsured with income below 300 percent of the federal poverty level, to an uninsured or underinsured person whose income meets financial criteria established by the Foundation.

**2SHB 2063: CREATING A WORK GROUP TO DESIGN A QUALIFIED
ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kilduff

(SB 6043 Senator Habib)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the State Treasurer's Office to convene a work group to implement the federal Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.
- Requires the ABLE Work Group to report to the Legislature by November 1, 2015, on a recommendation of the appropriate lead agency for the ABLE Program; the appropriate instrument to invest account funds; an implementation plan for a state ABLE Program; a recommendation on the composition of an ABLE Advisory Board; and an estimate of the number of people who are eligible for participating in the ABLE Program.

HIGHER EDUCATION

786-7415

SB 5122: CONCERNING PRECOLLEGE PLACEMENT MEASURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the public baccalaureate institutions of higher education to use multiple measures, such as placement tests or high school transcripts, to determine whether or not a student must enroll in a precollege course.
- Requires the public baccalaureates to post all available options for course placement on their websites and in their admissions materials.
- Requires the Washington Student Achievement Council to encourage the use of multiple measures to determine whether or not a student must enroll in a precollege course when setting minimum college admissions standards.

SSB 5328: DISSEMINATING FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires public baccalaureate institutions of higher education to provide on their websites financial aid application due dates and distribution policies, including whether financial aid is awarded on a rolling basis.

SSB 5518: CREATING PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs institutions of higher education to refrain from establishing a different disciplinary process on the same campus for matters of sexual violence, based on differing characteristics of a student.
- Directs institutions of higher education to make information available regarding the institution's compliance with campus sexual violence confidentiality and reporting protocols.
- Directs the four-year institutions to conduct a campus climate assessment to gauge the prevalence of sexual assault on their campuses.
- Requires the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, Council of Presidents and Independent Colleges of Washington to submit reports to the Governor and Legislature by July 1, 2016, on steps taken by their institutions to enter into memoranda of understanding with local law enforcement.
- Requires institutions to distribute sexual violence policies and procedures that include information about the institution's Title IX compliance officer or other individuals responsible for handling sexual violence violations.

SSB 5534: CREATING THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

(SHB 1814 Representative Tarleton)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes the Certified Public Accounting Scholarship Program (Scholarship Program) for awarding scholarships to junior or higher-level students with a declared major in accounting who enroll at accredited Washington-based colleges or universities.
- Requires the Board of Accountancy to contract with the Washington CPA Foundation to administer the Scholarship Program.

SB 5638: CHANGING STATE NEED GRANT ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands eligibility for the State Need Grant (SNG) program to students who are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a qualifying higher education program for at least three quarter credits, or the equivalent semester hours.
- Removes from statute the expired pilot program allowing less-than-half-time students to be eligible for the SNG program.

SSB 5719: CREATING A TASK FORCE ON CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

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- Establishes a task force on preventing campus sexual violence to develop best practices for promoting awareness of campus sexual assault, recommendations for improving institutional campus sexual violence policies, and recommendations for improving collaboration between institutions and law enforcement.
- Requires the task force to report to the Legislature and the institutions of higher education on its goals and recommendations by the end of 2015 and 2016.

SB 5746: INCLUDING EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS AN AEROSPACE TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

(HB 1880 Representative Springer)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds Everett Community College to the list of authorized training programs that may participate in the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program.

2SSB 5851: CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORK GROUP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to work with other state entities to verify eligible students do not have felonies; notify tenth-grade College Bound Scholarship (CBS) students of income requirements; develop comprehensive social media outreach with grade-level specific information to keep students on track to graduate; and collaborate with educational organizations to map and coordinate mentoring and advising resources across the state.
- Encourages each college or university to tailor advising resources for CBS recipients, including identifying campus officials and other resources.
- Requires WSAC and the institutions to ensure that specific data needed to analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the CBS Program is annually provided to the Education Research and Data Center.
- Directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to complete an evaluation of the CBS Program and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2018.

SHB 1052: REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO MAKE AN EARLY REGISTRATION PROCESS AVAILABLE TO SPOUSES AND DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hayes

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- Requires that institutions which offer any early course registration to students must also offer early course registration to students who are the spouses of eligible veterans or National Guard members who are receiving veteran's education benefits.

SHB 1138: CREATING A TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs Forefront at the University of Washington to convene a task force on mental health and suicide prevention. Specifies membership of the task force to include appointees from agencies, organizations, and institutions of higher education.
- Requires the task force, along with public and private institutions of higher education, to collect data related to mental health services, suicide prevention and response, and deaths by suicide.
- Directs the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by November 1, 2016.

SHB 1559: CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

(SSB 5487 Senator Baumgartner)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Washington State University (WSU) Board of Regents to establish, operate, and maintain a school of medicine and teach medicine as a major line. Exempts medicine from the list of major lines exclusive to the University of Washington.
- Authorizes WSU to offer and teach forestry as a major line.

HB 1706: AUTHORIZING WAIVERS OF BUILDING FEES AND SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FEES FOR CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stanford

(SB 5620 Senator Bailey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes waivers of building fees and services and activities fees for certain military service members attending Washington State higher education institutions.

HB 1961: DECODIFYING, EXPIRING, AND MAKING NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

(SB 5977 Senator Bailey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Decodifies certain statutes pertaining to higher education capital project general obligation bonds that have matured.
- Adds an expiration date to certain provisions no longer in effect.
- Removes authorization of tuition waivers for recipients of the Washington Scholars Program scholarship pertaining to the period prior to 1994.
- Makes a technical clarification to certain statutes to add the term technical college when referencing community college throughout the title.

HB 1977: CREATING A TUITION AND FEES EXEMPTION FOR CHILDREN AND SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTAIN HIGHWAY WORKERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Moscoso

(SB 5841 Senator King)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the public baccalaureate institutions to waive tuition and fees for children and surviving spouses of certain highway workers.

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SSB 5099: RESTRICTING CONDITIONAL RELEASES OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTY OF COMMITMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

(SHB 1668 Representative Kilduff)

**SSB 5099 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 1059.*

ESB 5262: RELEASING JUVENILE CASE RECORDS TO THE WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF CIVIL LEGAL AID

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(HB 1129 Representative Goodman)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that the court release records to the Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) that are needed to implement the agency's oversight, technical assistance, and other functions associated with appointment of attorneys to children who have no remaining parent with parental rights.
- Requires that the records used for these purposes will be restricted to the OCLA, and that OCLA must maintain the confidentiality of all confidential information included in these records.
- Requires that the OCLA, as soon as possible, destroy any retained notes or records that are not necessary for the agency's functions related to administration of funds for appointment of attorneys to children after termination of parental rights.

E2SSB 5269: CONCERNING COURT REVIEW OF DETENTION DECISIONS UNDER THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(EHB 1258 Representative Walkinshaw)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that an immediate family member, guardian, or conservator of a person may petition superior court for review of a decision by a designated mental health professional (DMHP) to not detain that person for involuntary mental health treatment.
- Requires that the court review the petition for sufficient evidence and request input from the DMHP agency. The court must issue a final decision on the petition within five judicial days.
- Requires that the Department of Social and Health Services and each regional support network and DMHP agency publish information describing the process for filing a petition under this Act.
- Establishes that this Act may be known and cited as "Joel's Law."

2SSB 5404: CONCERNING HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(2SHB 1436 Representative Kagi)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes, in the Department of Commerce (Commerce), the Office of Youth Prevention and Protection Programs (Office). The Office will work to reduce and prevent unaccompanied youth homelessness and provide services to those under 18, as well as to young adults 18-24 by overseeing contracts for crisis residential centers, HOPE Center beds, independent youth housing, and related services, among other things.
- Creates an advisory committee to advise the Office on funding and policy issues.
- Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct a review of state-funded programs that serve unaccompanied homeless youth and requires that the office provide a report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2016.
- Directs the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's Biennial Report on Homeless Student Data to include data regarding unaccompanied homeless students enrolled in public school.

2SSB 5486: CREATING THE PARENTS FOR PARENTS PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

(2SHB 1728 Representative Ormsby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides additional structure for the Parents for Parents Program (Program), which provides peer mentoring for families in the juvenile dependency court system, increases parental engagement, and contributes to family reunification.
- Provides that the Program's outreach and support to parents in the juvenile dependency court system begins at the shelter care hearing. Support is provided by a "child welfare parent mentor," which means a parent who has successfully resolved the issues that led the parent's child into the care of the juvenile dependency court system, resulting in family reunification or another permanency outcome, and who has an interest in working collaboratively to improve the lives of children and families.
- Creates funding for the Program through the Office of Public Defense.

E2SSB 5564: CONCERNING THE SEALING OF JUVENILE RECORDS AND FINES IMPOSED IN JUVENILE CASES

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(SHB 1481 Representative Kagi)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Requires that courts seal the juvenile records of individuals who meet the existing criteria for sealing records if the individual has either (1) paid the full amount of restitution owing to the individual victim named in the restitution order, or (2) has completed approved community service in full.
- Allows respondents to petition for relief from restitution. If the court determines that a juvenile has insufficient funds to pay restitution and upon agreement of the victim, the court may order performance of a number of hours of community service in place of a monetary penalty, at the rate of the state minimum wage per hour. The court must allow the victim to determine the nature of the community service when practicable and appropriate.
- Eliminates various legal financial obligations and other fees for juveniles, except the DNA collection fee and the victim penalty assessment for most serious offenses and sex offenses.
- Eliminates interest on legal financial obligations for juveniles.
- ~~Eliminates the legal financial obligation associated with the diversion program.~~

SSB 5600: MODIFYING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE ABUSE OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

(SHB 1726 Representative Moeller)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Broadens the protections of the Abuse of Vulnerable Adults Act, which authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services and law enforcement agencies to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, neglect, or self-neglect of vulnerable adults.
- Modifies a number of definitions contained within the Abuse of Vulnerable Adults Act.

ESSB 5607: CONCERNING THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE FOR THE MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION OF GUARDIANSHIP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a procedure for receiving and addressing complaints against guardians.
- Improves protections for incapacitated adults and allows an unrepresented person to bring an issue regarding a guardianship to the court.
- Requires the court to enter an order, within 14 days of receiving a complaint, stating the actions the court will take in response to the complaint.

SSB 5631: CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF COMMUNITY-BASED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

(EHB 1729 Representative Pettigrew)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to establish minimum standards for community-based domestic violence programs and emergency shelter programs.
- Increases a number of fees and imposes a fine, the revenue of which is deposited into the Domestic Violence Prevention Account: the filing fee for a petition for dissolution of marriage is increased by \$24; the current fee imposed on any person convicted of a domestic violence offense is increased by \$15; and a \$15 fine is imposed on any person convicted of violating a domestic violence protection order.
- Establishes standards for how funds in the Domestic Violence Prevention Account may be used.

SSB 5644: CONCERNING INITIAL DETENTION UNDER THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

**SSB 5644 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 5649.*

SSB 5645: CONCERNING DATA REPORTING CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA WHEN A PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT MEETS DETENTION CRITERIA AND NO EVALUATION AND TREATMENT BED IS AVAILABLE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(HB 1401 Representative Cody)

**SSB 5645 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 5649.*

SB 5647: ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CREATE GUARDIANSHIP COURTHOUSE FACILITATOR PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a county may create a guardianship courthouse facilitator program to provide basic services to unrepresented litigants in guardianship cases.
- Provides that the legislative authority of any county may impose a surcharge of up to \$20 or may impose user fees, or both, to pay for the expenses of the program.

E2SSB 5649: CONCERNING THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

(E2SHB 1450 Representative Jenkins)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that the Washington State Institute for Public Policy must study implementation of the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) related to nonemergency detention and less restrictive alternative treatment orders and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2015.

**SSB 5644 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 5469, as described below:*

- Adds that regional support networks must provide an adequate network of evaluation and treatment services to persons who meet ITA detention criteria and be held accountable for doing so by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).
- Establishes that DSHS may approve a single bed certification for an involuntary evaluation and treatment bed if the bed is located in a facility which is willing and able to provide timely and appropriate mental health treatment.

**SSB 5645 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SSB 5469, as described below:*

- Requires that designated mental health professional (DMHP) must report to DSHS within 24 hours if the DMHP is unable to locate a treatment bed for a person who meets ITA detention criteria.

SB 5692: ADDRESSING PERMANENCY PLANS OF CARE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

(HB 1970 Representative Senn)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Limits permanency plans of care for dependent children to only identify long-term relative or foster care for children between ages 16 and 18, although children under age 16 may remain placed with relatives or in foster care.
- Clarifies that if the goal of long-term foster or relative care is achieved before a permanency planning hearing, the courts must find that the child's placement and plan of care is the best permanency plan for the child.

SB 5693: AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER TO SEEK ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS COVERED BY FEDERAL MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND VETERANS HEALTH BENEFITS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Miloscia

(HB 1775 Representative Cody)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that the Department of Social and Health Services may apply for public health benefits on behalf of a person who is civilly committed as a sexually violent predator and is residing at the Special Commitment Center or a Secure Community Transition Facility.
- Establishes that benefits include Medicaid, Medicare, veteran's health benefits, or health care benefits or reimbursements available under the Affordable Care Act.

SSB 5740: CONCERNING EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

(2SHB 1735 Representative Orwall)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands eligibility for extended foster care services to youth who are unable to participate in any of the qualifying activities due to a documented medical condition.
- Includes an effective date of July 1, 2016, and a null and void clause if not funded in the budget.

2SSB 5888: CONCERNING NEAR FATALITY INCIDENTS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE RECEIVED SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that when an initial allegation of child abuse and neglect screens in and is open for investigation by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and there is a subsequent near fatality within three months of the initial allegation, DSHS must conduct a near fatality review.
- Requires that when a case worker responds to an allegation of child abuse or neglect and there is a subsequent allegation resulting in a near fatality within one year, DSHS is to conduct a review of the case worker's, and the case worker's supervisor's, files and actions to the initial allegation and conduct an employee investigation if any violations are found.
- Establishes that this Act may be known and cited as "Aiden's Act."

SSB 5889: CONCERNING TIMELINESS OF COMPETENCY EVALUATION AND RESTORATION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(E2SHB 2060 Representative Jenkins)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes maximum time limits of 14 days for the completion of a competency evaluation for a defendant in jail and to extend an offer of admission for inpatient services to a defendant related to competency to stand trial.
- Retains seven-day performance targets for the completion of these services. Provides affirmative defenses for exceeding maximum time limits.
- Makes modifications to the list of documents which must be provided with a competency evaluation referral.

SSB 5897: CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MEDICAL EVALUATIONS OF SUSPECTED VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to pay, secondary to other insurance, all costs incurred by the medical examination of a suspected victim of assault of a child when the examination is conducted within 75 days of the filing of a dependency petition by the Department of Social and Health Services. This payment is made from the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund and is subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this purpose.
- Expires on June 30, 2019.

HB 1059: CONCERNING SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fagan

(SB 5033 Senator Padden)

**SSB 5099 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 1059.*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Excludes evidence from an expert on a committed sexually violent predator's (SVP) behalf if the committed SVP does not participate in the Department of Social and Health Services's most recent annual review interview and evaluation.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to provide an audio recording of the annual review interview upon request of the committed person.
- Defines treatment to be the Sex Offender Specific Treatment Program at the Special Commitment Center or a course of sex offender treatment by a certified provider.
- Requires a court, prior to authorizing release of a SVP to a less restrictive alternative, to consider release to the person's county of commitment.

ESHB 1126: CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF EARLY LEARNING FATALITY REVIEWS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that fatalities of children that occur in an early learning program or licensed child care center or home are to be reviewed the Department of Early Learning (DEL) through a child fatality review committee. In the case of a near child fatality, DEL must consult with the Office of the Family and Children's Ombuds to determine if a review should be conducted.
- Sets goals of the fatality review to include developing recommendations to DEL and the Legislature regarding changes in licensing requirements, practices, and policies to prevent fatalities and strengthen safety and health protections for children.

SHB 1223: ALLOWING THE USE OF LODGING TAXES FOR FINANCING WORKFORCE HOUSING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(SSB 5208 Senator Miloscia)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Clarifies the hotel-motel tax revenue in King County starting in 2021 regarding bonds for affordable workforce housing.
- Commits at least 10 percent of the proceeds of all bonds issued for affordable workforce housing are committed to finance one or more projects in Historic South Downtown, which is a Community Preservation and Development Authority.

HB 1277: CONCERNING TRANSIENT LODGING FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS IN ARMORIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Klippert

(SB 5164 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows military service members to stay in armories while in training, not just in emergencies.

**HB 1287: CONCERNING LESS RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE ORDERS
UNDER THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

**HB 1287 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SHB 1450.*

**SHB 1319: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO PROCESSES FOR
PERSONS SENTENCED FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED PRIOR TO
REACHING EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

(SSB 5839 Senator Darneille)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes technical corrections relating to the *Miller v. Alabama* bill from last year, 2SSB 5064, which implemented the policy allowing persons who committed crimes under the age of 18 to seek release from the Indeterminate Senate Review Board (ISRB) after serving a portion of their sentence.
- Requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to supervise any offender who is released by the ISRB and who was sentenced to community custody or subject to community custody under the terms of release.
- Provides that DOC may release offenders from confinement when their release has been ordered by the ISRB, regardless of any mandatory sentencing enhancements for firearms, deadly weapons, and sexual motivation.
- Provides that an offender who is released or discharged may be returned to the institution at the discretion of the ISRB if the offender is found to have violated a condition of community custody. In such circumstances, the offender is entitled to a hearing.

**E2SHB 1450: CONCERNING INVOLUNTARY OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH
TREATMENT**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Jenkins

(E2SSB 5649 Senator Darneille)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a person may be committed to receive involuntary outpatient mental health treatment if a court finds that the person is in need of assisted outpatient treatment. To qualify, a person must have been committed for inpatient treatment twice within the past 36 months and meet other criteria.
- Establishes a definition for a less restrictive alternative (LRA) treatment providing for minimum requirements including medication management and assignment of a care coordinator.
- Provides new procedures for enforcement, modification, and revocation of LRA treatment orders.

**HB 1287 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SHB 1450, as described below:*

- Establishes that immediately following discharge from a state hospital, a court may enter an LRA treatment order for up to one year, instead of 180 days.

**HB 1599: CONCERNING SECURE FACILITIES FOR THE CRIMINALLY
INSANE**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rodne

(SB 5266 Senator O'Ban)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes the expiration date from a law granting authority to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to place a patient committed to a state hospital for treatment based on criminal insanity who presents an unreasonable safety risk at the state hospital in a secure facility operated by the Department of Corrections.
- Requires the Secretary of DSHS to consider reasonable alternatives that would be effective to manage the behavior and document this consideration in the patient's medical file.

EHB 1633: GIVING PREFERENCES TO HOUSING TRUST FUND PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE COLLABORATION BETWEEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND HOUSING AUTHORITIES OR NONPROFIT HOUSING PROVIDERS TO HELP CHILDREN OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

(SB 5578 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a statutory preference for Housing Trust Fund projects involving collaborative partnerships between local school districts and either public housing authorities or nonprofit housing providers that help low-income children succeed in school.
- In order to receive this preference, a local school district must provide community members an opportunity to offer input on the proposed project.

HB 1674: ALLOWING YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS WHO COMPLETE THEIR CONFINEMENT TERMS PRIOR TO AGE TWENTY-ONE EQUAL ACCESS TO A FULL CONTINUUM OF REHABILITATIVE AND REENTRY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pettigrew

(SB 5663 Senator Darneille)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides protocol for youth confinement, depending on whether the youth turns 21 before or after the anticipated release date.
- Provides that if a youth is anticipated to complete confinement before turning age 21, the Department of Corrections (DOC) must transfer the youth to the custody of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) until the youth completes the term of confinement. While in the custody of DSHS, the youth must have the same treatment, housing options, transfer, and access to program resources as any other youth committed directly to that juvenile correctional facility.
- Provides that if a youth is anticipated to complete the confinement on the youth's 21st birthday or after, the DOC must transfer the youth to the custody of the DSHS, upon approval by DSHS. When the youth turns 21, the youth must be transferred back to a DOC facility.

HB 1720: CONCERNING HEALTHY HOUSING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Robinson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the Department of Commerce's (Commerce) Weatherization Program to also focus on improving the health and safety of low-income families by promoting healthy homes. Services under this program may include lead hazard control; remediation of asthma triggers including moisture, mold, and pests; and the reduction of toxic chemicals in the home.
- Allows Commerce to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Plus Initiative to promote healthy homes.

SHB 1879: DIRECTING THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INTEGRATED MANAGED HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Health Care Authority (HCA) to issue a request for proposals to procure integrated managed health and behavioral health care for children in foster care by October 1, 2016.
- Establishes that certain behavioral health services for children with severe disorders will be fully integrated into the managed health care plan on October 1, 2018. Until that date, these services will continue to be provided through a separate process.

**HB 1932 is incorporated in part into SHB 1879, as described below:*

- Establishes that HCA must require a second opinion to be provided for all prescriptions of antipsychotic medication for children in foster care under 18 years of age.

HB 1932: CONCERNING MEDICATION MANAGEMENT FOR YOUTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**HB 1932 is incorporated in part into SHB 1879.*

HB 2140: CONCERNING GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTIONS DURING PERMANENCY HEARINGS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes the expiration of two good cause exceptions for the court not to order the Department of Social and Health Services to file a petition seeking the termination of parental rights if a child has been in out-of-home care for 15 of the last 22 months since the date a dependency petition was filed.

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SSB 5004: ESTABLISHING THE POSITION AND AUTHORITY OF WARRANT OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Angel

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes that any city or town may establish and maintain the position of warrant officer within the police department.
- Adds that a warrant officer is vested only with authority identified in ordinance which may include making arrests authorized by warrants, and service of civil and criminal process.
- Requires that the Chief of Police must establish training requirements consistent with the duties of the warrant officer.

SSB 5030: ADDRESSING THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits a Limited Liability Company (LLC) to define its business structure and define the legal duties and rights of the company, its managers, and its members in an oral, written, or implied LLC agreement.
- Provides legally-required missing elements in statutory presumptions if an LLC agreement does not include all legally-required elements.
- Requires LLCs to provide records upon a member's reasonable request, to allocate and distribute profits and losses according to specific requirements, and prohibits distributions from the LLC to its members if the LLC is insolvent.
- Authorizes an LLC to be managed by its members or by designated managers who owe fiduciary duties of loyalty and care to the LLC.

SB 5031: PERMITTING ADVANCE ACTION REGARDING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a corporation's Articles of Incorporation to include an advance disclaimer of potential corporate business opportunities.
- Allows a corporation to take formal action to disclaim any interest it has in a business opportunity.

SB 5032: SPECIFYING WHEN A TRANSACTION IN THE FORM OF A LEASE DOES NOT CREATE A SECURITY INTEREST FOR PURPOSES OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a transaction in lease form does not create a security interest merely because it contains a Terminal Rental Adjustment Clause provision.

SSB 5059: CREATING THE PATENT TROLL PREVENTION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

(HB 1092 Representative Jenkins)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a person may not make assertions of patent infringement in bad faith.
- Establishes that a violation is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA).
- Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action under CPA in the name of the state, or on behalf of persons residing in the state to enforce the provisions.

SB 5070: REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO SUPERVISE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS WHO HAVE A CONVICTION AND WERE SENTENCED FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FELONY OFFENSE THAT WAS PLEAD AND PROVEN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Corrections to supervise an offender sentenced to community custody regardless of risk classification if the offender has a conviction for a domestic violence felony offense where domestic violence was plead and proven and was committed after the effective date of the Act.
- Provides that the state and its officers, agents, and employees must not be held criminally or civilly liable for its supervision of an offender unless the state and its officers, agents, and employees acted with gross negligence.

SB 5101: MODIFYING MENTAL STATUS EVALUATION PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a court may order a mental evaluation and treatment with or without a presentence report prepared by the Department of Corrections.

SB 5104: CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OR USE OF ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IN SENTENCING PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that if a court finds that a chemical dependency contributed to the offense, the court may order an evaluation and treatment for any chemical substance.
- Adds that the court may also impose a prohibition on the use or possession of alcohol, cannabis products, or controlled substances regardless of whether a chemical dependency evaluation is ordered.

SB 5107: ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THERAPEUTIC COURTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

(HB 1305 Representative Walkinshaw)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes that counties may impose a sales and use tax for the purpose of providing for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services to establish and operate a therapeutic court for dependency proceedings.
- Establishes that every trial and juvenile court is authorized and encouraged to establish and operate therapeutic courts. Jurisdictions establishing therapeutic courts must endeavor to incorporate a list of best practices largely mirroring those appearing in current law.
- Places restrictions on the ability of therapeutic courts to enforce or apply foreign law.
- Requires that therapeutic courts retain the discretion to establish processes for eligibility and admission, and therapeutic court judges retain the discretion to decline to accept a particular case into the court.

SB 5125: INCREASING DISTRICT COURT CIVIL JURISDICTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

(HB 1328 Representative Goodman)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the district court's amount-in-controversy jurisdictional limit for civil actions to \$100,000.
- Applies the jurisdictional limit to both the value of the claim and the amount at issue for each claimant.

SSB 5154: CONCERNING REGISTERED SEX OR KIDNAPPING OFFENDERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes a number of fixes and updates to existing sex offender and kidnapping offender registration and notification laws.

- Requires the Sex Offender Policy Board (Board) to review and make findings and recommendations regarding (1) public disclosure of sex and kidnapping offender information, including the relationship between the Public Records Act and the current laws on release of sex and kidnapping offender information to the public; (2) best practices from other states regarding public disclosure of sex and kidnapping offender information; (3) the ability of registered sex and kidnapping offenders to have their risk-level classification reviewed and whether there should be a uniform statewide policy for review; and (4) guidelines established by a sex offender policy workgroup addressing community notification and how public access to the guidelines can be improved.
- Requires the Board to report its findings to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2015.

ESSB 5158: REQUIRING CALL LOCATION INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY

Prime Sponsor: Senator McCoy

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires wireless telecommunications providers to provide call location information when requested by a law enforcement agency responding to an emergency involving risk of death or serious physical harm.
- Prohibits law enforcement agencies from requesting this information for any other purpose, and is prohibited from disclosing the information to any other persons or parties other than first responders to the emergency.
- Ensures that no action may be brought in any court against wireless telecommunications providers for providing call location information while acting in good faith with this act.

2SSB 5215: ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

(2SHB 1281 Representative Sawyer)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the Washington Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) account in custody of the state treasury.
- Requires that the account must be used exclusively by Washington ICAC and its affiliate agencies for combating Internet-facilitated crimes against children, promoting education on Internet safety to the public and to minors, and rescuing child victims from abuse and exploitation.
- Establishes that the Commission may enter into agreements with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to administer grants and other activities of the account.

SB 5227: CREATING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Baumgartner

(SHB 1070 Representative Goodman)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits international arbitrations to take place in Washington State under a written arbitration agreement even though the parties are not Washington-based companies or doing business in Washington and even though the underlying contract of the parties is invalid.
- Applies only to arbitrations that take place within Washington except when a superior court in Washington has jurisdiction to issue or enforce interim measures, or to enforce arbitration agreements and awards.
- Authorizes arbitrations to take place under a written arbitration agreement if the parties' dispute is pending in court.

SSB 5292: PROTECTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM POWDERED ALCOHOL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**Signed by the Governor*

- Defines "powdered alcohol" as any powder or crystalline substance containing alcohol that is produced for direct use or reconstitution.
- Establishes the misdemeanor crime of possession, use, or sale of powdered alcohol punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a fine up to \$1,000.
- Permits the use of powdered alcohol for bona fide research purposes by health care researchers, institutions of higher education, and pharmaceutical or biotech companies.

2SSB 5311: REQUIRING CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR PEACE OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

(HB 1348 Representative Appleton)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to provide initial and annual follow up crisis intervention training to all full-time law enforcement officers.
- Requires the CJTC to make efforts to provide 40 hours of enhanced crisis intervention training to at least 25 percent of all officers on patrol duties within any remaining appropriated funds.
- Requires the CJTC to reimburse those agencies that send officers to crisis intervention training.

SSB 5381: CREATING A PROTOCOL FOR THE RETURN OF FIREARMS IN THE POSSESSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Billig

(SHB 1731 Representative Ormsby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires law enforcement agencies to develop notification protocols that allow family or household members to request notification before a firearm is returned to the person from whom it was obtained.
- Adds that information provided by the family or household member, including the existence of the request for notification is not subject to public disclosure.
- Requires that before a law enforcement agency returns a privately owned firearm, the agency must confirm that the person to whom the firearm is returned is eligible to possess it.
- Notifying a family or household member must occur within one business day of verifying that all other requirements for return of the firearm have been met. The law enforcement agency must return a firearm "without unnecessary delay."

SB 5387: CREATING UNIFORMITY IN COMMON PROVISIONS GOVERNING BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes a new chapter providing uniform rules governing common administrative procedures and legal requirements that apply to specified business or nonprofit entities formed under the laws of this state or doing business in this state.
- Amends various entity statutes to remove substantive provisions that are governed by the new chapter and instead reference applicable provisions of the new chapter.

ESSB 5498: REVISING THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

(SHB 1567 Representative Walkinshaw)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Updates Washington's child support laws by adopting the 2008 amendments to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act verbatim, effective July 1, 2015.
- Prohibits Washington courts, administrative agencies, or other Washington tribunals from enforcing any order issued under foreign law or by a foreign legal system that is manifestly incompatible with public policy.
- Provides that a foreign order is presumed manifestly incompatible with public policy when enforcement of the order would result in a violation of any right guaranteed by the state or federal constitutions.

SSB 5501: PREVENTING ANIMAL CRUELTY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fain

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Makes it a civil infraction to leave or confine any animal unattended in a motor vehicle or enclosed space if the animal could be harmed or killed by exposure to excessive heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or lack of necessary water.
- Authorizes an animal control officer or law enforcement officer to enter the motor vehicle or enclosed area to remove the animal.
- States that the officer is not liable for property damage while removing an animal.
- ~~Expands exceptions for accepted husbandry practices to non-commercial farming.~~

SSB 5593: CONCERNING DELIVERY AND PAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY HOSPITALS FOR INMATES AND PERSONS DETAINED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that any individual who is brought to a hospital for treatment and who is in law enforcement custody for a violent offense or sex offense must be accompanied or otherwise secured by the law enforcement officer, corrections officer, or guard who brought or accompanied the individual.
- Provides immunity from civil liability for the officers and guards and their employing departments, agencies, and representatives arising out of the failure to comply with the provisions of the Act, unless they acted with gross negligence or bad faith.
- Establishes a payment structure for hospital services provided to patients who are the financial responsibility of the law enforcement entity.

SB 5650: MODIFYING PROVISIONS GOVERNING INMATE FUNDS SUBJECT TO DEDUCTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden

(SHB 1744 Representative Appleton)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that any money received by the Department of Corrections on behalf of an inmate from family or other outside sources for the payment of certain medical expenses is not subject to statutory deductions.
- Provides that this money may only be used for the payment of medical expenses associated with the purchase of eyeglasses, over-the-counter medications, and offender copayments.

SB 5793: PROVIDING CREDIT TOWARDS CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS FOR VETERANS BENEFITS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

(HB 1260 Representative Kilduff)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that Veteran's Administration benefits apportioned on behalf of a child of the veteran must be credited toward satisfaction of the veteran's child support obligation.

ESSB 5884: CONCERNING THE TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Assistance (OCVA) to develop and maintain a web portal and information clearinghouse as a single point of contact regarding state efforts to combat human trafficking.
- Restores the Washington State Task Force on the Trafficking of Persons to active status with expanded membership. The task force must evaluate the effectiveness of the state's efforts to combat all forms of human trafficking making findings and recommendations as needed.
- Extends the commercially sexually exploited children statewide coordinating committee (committee) through 2017 and adds two service providers and a survivor to the committee. The committee must evaluate implementation of the 2010 law on sex crimes involving children and report by February 1, 2016.
- The OCVA must review and approve a model anti-trafficking information notice with input from interested businesses and anti-trafficking advocates. The notices are voluntarily posted in public restrooms at no cost to the state.

SSB 5933: ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE TRAINING PROGRAM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PERSONNEL

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(HB 2098 Representative Orwall)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) to establish a statewide interdisciplinary training program for law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, and court personnel covering state anti-human trafficking laws, sex trafficking investigations, and related court actions.

- Provides that the training program must promote cultural competency and understanding of diverse victim populations.
- Directs the OCVA to report to the Legislature each biennium on the statewide training program's effectiveness.

SHB 1068: CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

(SB 5225 Senator Kohl-Welles)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a law enforcement agency must submit a request for a laboratory analysis of a sexual assault examination kit to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Crime Laboratory within 30 days of receiving it.
- Gives, subject to available funding, WSP priority to sexual assault examination kits at the request of a local law enforcement agency for identified investigation circumstances.
- Requires consent for testing by the victim unless the victim is a person under the age of 18 who is not emancipated, in which case consent is not required
- Creates a workgroup to study the issue of untested sexual assault examination kits in Washington.

SHB 1069: CONCERNING PRESERVATION OF DNA WORK PRODUCT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

(SB 5253 Senator Darneille)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Specifies the time periods for the retention of DNA work product depending upon the nature of the crime and status of the case.
- Requires that the Washington State Patrol, upon application from the person, must expunge the person's collected DNA reference sample in cases where the charges are dismissed with prejudice or the person is found not guilty.
- Establishes that if DNA work product is destroyed with malicious intent, the court may impose sanctions. No private cause of action may be brought against the law enforcement agency or contractor of a law enforcement agency for destroying DNA work product.
- Establishes that the failure of a law enforcement agency to preserve DNA work product does not constitute grounds in any criminal proceeding for challenging the admissibility of other DNA work product that was preserved in a case, and any evidence offered may not be excluded by a court on those grounds.

ESHB 1078: ENHANCING THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hudgins

(SB 5047 Senator Braun)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires that notification of a breach of personal information to affected consumers be provided no more than 45 days after the breach was discovered, unless an exception applies. If the breach results in notification to more than 500 Washington residents, the Attorney General must also be notified no more than 45 days after the breach was discovered.
- States that protected personal information is no longer limited to computerized and unencrypted data.
- Provides that, if notice is required, the notice must meet certain minimum requirements so that consumers are provided with basic information they can use to help secure or recover their identities.

HB 1090: CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT CRIMES INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SB 5058 Senator Fain)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the expiration date for the Financial Fraud and Identity Theft Crimes Investigation and Prosecution Program to July 1, 2020.
- Expands the Central Puget Sound Task Force to include Snohomish County.
- Increases the surcharges on Uniform Commercial Code program filings from \$8 to \$10 for paper filings, and from \$3 to \$10 for electronic filings.

2SHB 1281: CONCERNING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sawyer

**Signed by the Governor*

- Assesses an additional fine of \$1,000 for each depiction or image of visual or printed matter that constitutes a separate conviction under RCW 9.68A.070, for possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.
- Requires the additional fines to be deposited into the newly-created Child Rescue Fund.
- Authorizes the Attorney General to grant 25 percent of the receipts in the Child Rescue Fund to child advocacy centers as defined in RCW 26.44.020 and to grant 75 percent of the receipts to the Washington State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force for investigation and prosecution of crimes against children.

**HB 1282: ADDRESSING THE CRIME OF DRIVING WHILE LICENSE
SUSPENDED WHERE THE SUSPENSION IS BASED ON
NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a person commits the offense of driving while license suspended in the third degree, if the license was suspended because the person has been certified by the Department of Social and Health Services as a person who is out of compliance with a child support order.

**HB 1302: CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF CHILD ABDUCTION
STATUTES TO RESIDENTIAL PROVISIONS ORDERED BY A COURT**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haler

(SB 5394 Senator Rivers)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Eliminates the requirement that there must be a court-ordered parenting plan in place before custodial interference can be charged.
- Provides that both custodial interference in the first and second degrees can be violated if a parent intentionally denies access to a child by the other parent in violation of any court order making residential provisions for the child.

**SHB 1316: ALLOWING FOR AN ARREST WITHOUT A WARRANT WHEN A
POLICE OFFICER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A PERSON
HAS VIOLATED CERTAIN TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDERS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stambaugh

(SB 5250 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires law enforcement to arrest, without a warrant, any person the officer has a probable cause to believe has violated a temporary protection order regarding the abuse of vulnerable adults.
- Makes violations of temporary protection orders regarding the abuse of vulnerable adults a gross misdemeanor, consistent with penalties for violation of other protection orders.

**ESHB 1440: PROHIBITING THE USE OF A CELL SITE SIMULATOR DEVICE
WITHOUT A WARRANT**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that no person may install or use a cell site simulator device without prior court authorization except as specifically authorized under the Act.
- Establishes that the state and its subdivisions may not use a cell site simulator to collect personal information without consent, a warrant, or a recognized exception to the warrant.
- Establishes that a law enforcement officer must obtain a court order for the installation and use of a cell site simulator unless there is probable cause to believe an emergency exists.
- Clarifies that devices used by electric utilities to measure electrical usage, to provide services to customers, or to operate the electric grid are not included in the definition of a cell site simulator device.

SHB 1503: CONCERNING MEDICAL LIENS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Jenkins

**Signed by the Governor*

- Limits the use of medical liens, to secure payment of medical bills, to the original health care service provider or a state-licensed collection agency acting on the provider's behalf.
- Requires a provider or licensed collection agency to inform patients that medical liens are used as part of billing and collection practices.
- Requires any person or entity collecting for unpaid medical bills, other than the original health care provider, to have a collection agency license from the Washington Department of Licensing and to comply with all laws and rules for licensed collection agencies.
- Permits patients to recover for their damages, costs, and attorneys' fees if a release of medical lien is not delivered to the patient within 30 days of full payment or debt settlement.

HB 1601: CONCERNING VENUE OF ACTIONS BY OR AGAINST COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rodne

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that any provision in a public works contract with any county that requires a civil action commence in the superior court of that county is void and unenforceable as against public policy.
- Defines that this does not apply to any provisions that require a dispute to be submitted to arbitration.

SHB 1610: CHANGING JURY SERVICE PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McCaslin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires persons called for jury duty to be available to report to court for two weeks rather than one month in counties with at least 70,000 names on the jury source list.
- Requires persons called for jury duty to be present at the court facility at least one week rather than two weeks in counties with at least 70,000 names on the jury source list.
- Excuses any juror who was present at the court facility for at least one week of juror service in the last twelve months from jury duty.

SHB 1617: CONCERNING THE USE OF THE JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM BY COURTS BEFORE GRANTING CERTAIN ORDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rodne

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that prior to entering certain types of orders, the court may consult the Judicial Information System (JIS) or related databases, if available, to review criminal history or to determine whether other proceedings involving the parties are pending.
- Requires that in the event that the court consults the JIS or a related database, the court must disclose to the parties the fact that the database was consulted.
- Requires that the court must disclose any matters that the court relied upon in rendering a decision, and file a copy of the document relied upon within the court file.

HB 1817: PROVIDING LIABILITY IMMUNITY FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WHEN WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES ARE OPERATED ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shea

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that wheeled all-terrain vehicles (ATV)'s may be operated on certain public roadways, subject to the statutorily authorized and prohibited uses.
- Modifies the declaration required for on-road ATV use adding counties, cities, and towns to the release of liability, in addition to the state.

SHB 1898: CONCERNING AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CHILDREN TESTIFYING REMOTELY IN CERTAIN CASES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that the Criminal Justice Training Commission's (CJTC) annual training on investigating and prosecuting sexual assault cases must include a reference to the possibility that a court may allow certain children under the age of 14 to testify in a room outside of the presence of the defendant and the jury.
- Requires that the CJTC must survey law enforcement and prosecuting agencies on the use of such testimony and report every other year to the Legislature starting December 1, 2015.

EHB 1943: RELATING TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shea

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that a monitoring agency must meet certain standards and requirements to monitor an individual sentenced to electronic monitoring. A \$1,000 fine may be imposed on a monitoring agency for non-compliance.
- Establishes that a crime of escape in the 3rd degree includes knowing violation of electronic monitoring.
- Establishes that a home detention may not be imposed if the offender knowingly and previously violated home detention, and the violation was not minor or technical. A monitoring agency may not agree to monitor an offender awaiting trial for a violent or sex offense unless the defendant's pretrial release is secured by bail.

HB 1962: REGULATING DISCLOSURE OF PROCESS SERVER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Griffey

(ESB 5523 Senator Sheldon)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts and makes confidential social security numbers on process server registration forms from public disclosure except as required by federal law.

NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

786-7419

SB 5088: CONCERNING A GEOLOGICAL HAZARDS ASSESSMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

(HB 1182 Representative Hurst)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to identify and map geological hazards and estimate potential hazard consequences and occurrence probabilities.
- Requires DNR to coordinate with state and local government agencies and create a publicly available database of hazard maps and geotechnical reports.
- Requires DNR to acquire and process new data or update deficient data.
- Adds state geological survey activities as an allowable purpose for funds in the surveys and maps account.

SSB 5166: CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF FORAGE FISH RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), subject to the availability of appropriated funds from the state capital budget, to conduct a survey of Puget Sound surf smelt and sand land spawning grounds using veterans conservation corps crews by June 30, 2017.
- Requires WDFW, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, to conduct a Puget Sound mid-water trawl survey to evaluate the prevalence of adults of all species of forage fish by June 30, 2017.
- Provides an expiration date of July 1, 2018.

SB 5464: CONCERNING UNLAWFULLY ENGAGING IN FISHING GUIDE ACTIVITY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

(HB 1341 Representative Tharinger)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a gross misdemeanor for unlawfully engaging in a fishing guide activity when a person holds a fish guide or charter boat operator license and either fails to adhere to statutory requirements for catch record cards or violates any rule regarding the sale, possession, issuance, or reporting of temporary fishing licenses, temporary short-term charter stamps, or catch record cards.

SSB 5824: CONCERNING CERTAIN RECREATIONAL GUIDES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Adds enforcement provisions for fish guide and charter operator licenses, including license suspension or application denial due to recent convictions related to fish guide activities.
- Requires the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to issue an identifying decal to all licensed fish guides and charter boat operators who must display the decal in a location easily visible to customers and adjacent vessels.
- Requires WDFW to offer combination licenses allowing holders to act either as (1) a food fish guide, game fish guide, salmon charter boat operator, and nonsalmon charter boat operator; or (2) a food fish guide and game fish guide.
- ~~Makes technical changes meant to simplify the chapter by placing game fish guide license fees in the same section as food fish guide license fees.~~

ESSB 5843: CONCERNING OUTDOOR RECREATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides priority in grants issued through the No Child Left Inside Program to proposals that use veterans for at least 50 percent of program implementation or administration.

- Establishes a Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor position to focus on outdoor recreation issues and related economic development, subject to appropriation.

SB 5881: PROVIDING A GROUP FISHING PERMIT FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pearson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to issue free catch record cards when issuing a group fishing permit.
- Requires WDFW to issue a group fishing permit on a seasonal basis to a state or local agency, or nonprofit organization operating a program for at-risk youth.

SJM 8013: CONCERNING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

- Requests that the President of the United States, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the state of Washington expedite the distribution of appropriated funds to significantly enhance aquatic invasive species monitoring and prevention efforts and implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

HB 1232: CONCERNING EMPLOYER-PURCHASED FISHING GUIDE LICENSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Chandler

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires employees whose employers purchased a fish guide license on their behalf to either surrender the license to the employer or reimburse the employer upon termination.
- Allows the employer to transfer a surrendered fish guide license to another employee who meets the license qualifications for the remainder of the license year.

HB 1392: CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RATE THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD MAY RETAIN TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 79A.15 RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stanford

(SB 5320 Senator Honeyford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Shifts the Recreation and Conservation Office's current 3 percent administrative rate for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to an amount based on actual administrative costs averaged over the previous five biennia as a percentage of new appropriations. Alternatively, the Legislature may set the amount by appropriation.

HB 1620: INCREASING THE SURCHARGE TO FUND BIOTOXIN TESTING AND MONITORING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

(SB 5716 Senator McCoy)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the biotoxin testing and monitoring surcharge on recreational shellfish licenses by \$1.
- Requires that any surcharge increase to the recreational shellfish license occur simultaneously with a surcharge increase to the commercial shellfish license.
- Clarifies that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife may not use surcharge revenue to pay for its administrative costs.

HB 1627: EXPANDING THE EXISTING PROHIBITION ON UNLAWFULLY ENTERING THE LAND OF ANOTHER TO HUNT OR TO RETRIEVE HUNTED WILDLIFE UNDER TITLE 77 RCW TO INCLUDE ENTERING THE LAND OF ANOTHER TO COLLECT WILDLIFE PARTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands a current misdemeanor for unlawfully entering onto the land of another for hunting purposes to include collecting wildlife parts. This allows law enforcement to seize wildlife parts unlawfully collected.

HB 1641: ADDING SHELLFISH TO THE LIST OF SPECIES TYPES LISTED IN RCW 77.15.260(1)(a)

Prime Sponsor: Representative Blake

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds the word "shellfish" to the phrase "fish or wildlife" in the species classification element of unlawful trafficking in fish, shellfish, or wildlife in the second degree.

ESHB 2093: CONCERNING WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kretz

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a Local Wildland Fire Liaison position to represent landowners during Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire suppression activities; advise the Commissioner of Public Lands on local fire protection resources; and chair a newly created Wildland Fire Advisory Committee.
- Limits liability for persons who enter public or private land to extinguish or control a wildland fire if doing so can be reasonably considered a public necessity due to imminent danger.
- Requires DNR to compile an annual master list of qualified fire suppression contractors with relevant valid incident qualifications and enter into preemptive agreements with landowners with firefighting capability that may be used in wildland fire suppression efforts.
- Makes requirements subject to specific amounts being appropriated for the described purposes.

TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

786-7408

ESB 5923: PROMOTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs counties, cities, and towns that collect impact fees to adopt a system for the deferred collection of impact fees from applicants for residential building permits by September 1, 2016.
- Requires an applicant seeking a deferral to grant and record a deferred impact fee lien against the property in favor of the local jurisdiction.
- Limits the term of an impact fee deferral to not exceed 18 months and provides local jurisdictions with foreclosure authority to collect unpaid fees.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to report annually to the Legislature regarding the impact fee deferral process and directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to review the program by September 1, 2021.

ESHB 1170: GRANTING PORT DISTRICTS CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a port district or two port districts in a county with a population of more than 800,000 to create a port public development authority (port PDA) to manage maritime activities.
- Authorizes port PDAs to own and sell real property, contract with individuals and others, loan and borrow funds, and transfer funds and property.
- Specifies that a port PDA is subject to the Public Records Act, the Open Public Meetings Act, and the Code of Ethics for Municipal Officers.
- Requires that the affairs, operations, and funds of the port PDA must be governed by the port districts that created the authority.

HB 1279: MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR PURPOSES OF LOCAL TOURISM PROMOTION AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kochmar

(SB 5819 Senator Miloscia)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides an exception from the requirement for the joint establishment of a tourism promotion area in a county with a population of one million or more and authorizes a city with a population greater than 89,000 incorporated after January 1990 to establish a tourism promotion area.

SHB 1337: INCREASING THE FLEXIBILITY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LEVIES FOR PUBLIC PORT DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

(SSB 5413 Senator Warnick)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes port districts that have not used their existing industrial development district (IDD) levy authority to impose an IDD levy for up to 20 years for the first and second levy period.
- Caps the amount of aggregate revenue that may be collected under the multiyear levy to the maximum amount that could be collected over a six year period, similar to current law.
- Retains the current annual maximum levy rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- Repeals current statutes authorizing port districts to impose IDD levies for up to three six-year periods effective January 1, 2026.

TRANSPORTATION

786-7300

SB 5085: AUTHORIZING SIBLINGS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES MEMBERS WHO DIED WHILE IN SERVICE OR AS A RESULT OF SERVICE TO APPLY FOR GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

(HB 1112 Representative Appleton)

**Signed by the Governor*

**SB 5634 is incorporated in its entirety into SB 5085.*

- Expands the list of those eligible to receive a Gold Star license plate to include the siblings of a member of the armed forces who died while in service.
- Exempts the widow or widower that has a Gold Star license plate from all taxes and fees that are due annually at vehicle registration.

SB 5100: CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE-RELATED VIOLATIONS APPLICABLE TO RENTAL CARS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the Department of Licensing to withhold vehicle registration renewals on rental cars connected to unpaid parking, camera, and toll violations when rental car businesses are liable for the violations.

SB 5207: CONCERNING OFFICE HOURS FOR REGISTERED TOW TRUCK OPERATORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

(HB 1195 Representative Rodne)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes a registered tow truck operator to close the business office for a lunch break for one hour, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Requires the operator to post a notice containing the phone number of a person authorized to release an impounded vehicle who is able to return to the office within 30 minutes.

SB 5228: ADJUSTING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR INTERSTATE 90 IN RURAL COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Baumgartner

(HB 1781 Representative Schmick)

**SB 5228 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in HB 2181.*

SB 5297: UPDATING AND CLARIFYING STATUTORY PROVISIONS WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND FUEL TAX ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

(HB 1993 Representative Moscoso)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes technical changes related to fuel tax statutes and the International Registration Plan (IRP).
- Changes the record retention requirements for IRP members from four years to three years and specifies assessments to be charged by the Department of Licensing (DOL) if the owner fails to comply or produce documents that are requested by the DOL.
- Reinstates the state Aeronautics Account.

SB 5307: CONCERNING DEFICIT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTIES OWNING AND OPERATING FERRY SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator O'Ban

(HB 1318 Representative Fey)

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- Increases the amount of the state gas tax that can go to Pierce, Skagit, and Whatcom counties during the 2015-2017 biennium from \$1 million to \$1.8 million for the purpose of reimbursing up to 50 percent of the counties' ferry operating deficits.
- Indexes the \$1.8 million reimbursement to the fiscal growth factor so it will increase in future biennia.

SB 5314: MODIFYING THE USE OF LOCAL STORM WATER CHARGES PAID BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

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- Authorizes local government utilities to use the storm water charges paid by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for facilities or best management practices that reduce runoff generally, rather than requiring those charges to be used to specifically address runoff from state highways.
- Removes the requirement for local government utilities to develop an expenditure plan regarding the charges, and removes annual reporting requirements on the use of charges paid by the WSDOT.

SSB 5362: CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PASSENGER CHARTER AND EXCURSION CARRIERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 1882 Representative Moscoso)

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- Regulates party buses as charter and excursion carriers subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Utilities and Transportation Commission.
- Regulates the consumption of alcohol on party buses.
- Prohibits smoking on party buses.

SSB 5438: ALLOWING BICYCLES AND MOPEDS TO STOP AND PROCEED THROUGH TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

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- Authorizes the operator of a moped, bicycle, or electric-assisted bicycle to stop and proceed through an intersection or to turn left at a red light after waiting through a complete cycle of the light and exercising due care.
- Describes certain circumstances under which it is not a defense to a traffic citation issued to persons proceeding through traffic control signals while operating a moped, bicycle or electric-assisted bicycle.

SSB 5481: CONCERNING TOLLING CUSTOMER SERVICE REFORM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hill

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- Provides greater discretion to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the administrative law judges to waive or reduce the penalties associated with the nonpayment of a toll.
- Requires WSDOT, starting June 30, 2016, to notify toll customers via email and phone if there is an unpaid toll for a registered vehicle listed on the prepaid toll account ten days prior to the issuance of a notice of civil penalty.
- Requires WSDOT, starting June 30, 2016, to allow a toll customer to access its website from a mobile platform to manage all of the customer's toll accounts, regardless of method of payment.

ESSB 5550: REGULATING PROVIDERS OF COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Habib

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- Requires liability insurance coverage for commercial transportation services providers, which are certain vehicle operators that use a digital network or software application to connect passengers to drivers for the purpose of providing prearranged rides.
- Exempts the following from the workers' compensation program, unless coverage is otherwise elected: (1) drivers providing certain commercial transportation services; (2) for hire vehicle operators; (3) taxicab operators; and (4) limousine chauffeurs.

SB 5634: EXEMPTING A WIDOW OR WIDOWER WITH GOLD STAR LICENSE PLATES FROM VEHICLE LICENSING FEES FOR ONE MOTOR VEHICLE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**SB 5634 is incorporated in its entirety into SB 5085.*

ESB 5863: CONCERNING HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jayapal

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- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to work with the Department of Labor and Industries for apprenticeship preparation and support services, including providing grants to local Indian tribes, churches, nonprofits, and other organizations.
- Directs WSDOT to recruit women and persons of color to the apprenticeship program and to actively engage with populations underrepresented in the apprenticeship program.
- Requires a report by December 1, 2020, on how the efforts to engage with underrepresented communities have resulted in an increase in diversity in the apprenticeship program.

SSB 5957: CREATING A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

(HB 2127 Representative Farrell)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to convene a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Council (Council) to review and analyze data related to pedestrian serious injuries and fatalities and identify points at which the transportation system can be improved.
- Directs the Council to report to the Legislature with recommendations on measures that could improve pedestrian safety by December 31 of each year.
- Provides an expiration date of June 30, 2019, for the Council.

SJM 8012: REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF U. S. HIGHWAY 101 TO HONOR RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- Requests the designation of United States Highway 101 to honor recipients of the Medal of Honor.

HB 1222: MODIFYING CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS LENGTH AND WEIGHT LIMITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McBride

(SB 5457 Senator Litzow)

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- Increases the overall length of a firefighting apparatus that may operate on certain public roads without obtaining a permit from 50 feet to 65 feet.
- Sets a new maximum weight limit for single drive axel firefighting apparatus at 31,000 pounds.
- Increases the maximum weight per square inch of width of tire for firefighting apparatus from 600 to 675 pounds.

SHB 1480: CREATING INTERMITTENT-USE TRAILER LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Holy

(SB 5338 Senator Dangel)

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- Creates a permanent registration for intermittent-use trailers that have a scale weight of less than 2,000 pounds.
- Establishes a one-time fee of \$187.50 for a permanent registration on an intermittent-use trailer that is good until the trailer changes ownership.
- Expands the vehicles that are eligible for the existing collector vehicle special license plate to travel trailers that are at least 30-years old.

SHB 1586: TRANSFERRING A RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE PORT OF ROYAL SLOPE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Manweller

(SB 5529 Senator Warnick)

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- Transfers the Royal Slope Railroad and related materials to the Port of Royal Slope at no cost to the Port.
- Transfers the rail line back to the state if there is not an operator on the line for any five-year period.

ESHB 1695: ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY FOR THE USE, REUSE, AND RECYCLING OF CONSTRUCTION AGGREGATE AND RECYCLED CONCRETE MATERIALS IN WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

(SB 5480 Senator King)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires all Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) transportation projects to use at least 25 percent construction aggregate and recycled concrete materials by 2016.
- Requires any local government with jurisdiction over a public works transportation or infrastructure project to, by the year 2016, adopt standards as developed by the WSDOT for the use of recycled materials as shown in the WSDOT's standard specifications for road, bridge, and municipal construction.
- Requires any local government with 100,000 residents or more to solicit bids from contractors that propose to use recycled content and give bidding preference to the contractor proposing to use the highest percentage of recycled material if it is at no additional cost.
- Requires local governments with less than 100,000 residents to review and determine their capacity for recycling, establish recycling strategies to reuse construction aggregate and recycled concrete materials for projects in their jurisdiction, and implement the strategies.

ESHB 1844: CONCERNING WORK PERFORMED BY STATE FORCES ON FERRY VESSELS AND TERMINALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Moscoso

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the dollar threshold of work that may be completed by state workers on ferry vessels and terminals from \$60,000 to \$100,000 effective July 1, 2015. A temporary increase to \$120,000 expires June 30, 2015.
- Requires ferry vessel and terminal work estimated to cost \$100,000 to \$200,000 to first be offered to contractors on the Department of Transportation (DOT) small works roster. If no contractors provide a response of interest within 72 hours, DOT may follow its regular contracting procedures.

SHB 1851: CREATING AN EXPEDITED PERMITTING AND CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR BRIDGES OWNED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE DEEMED STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hayes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to amend the rules adopted under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) to create a categorical exemption from SEPA, that is consistent with an exemption available to Department of Transportation projects, for the repair and replacement of structurally deficient city, town, and county bridges and associated state and local permits or approvals.
- Authorizes cities, towns, and counties to use an expedited contracting process to repair or replace bridges deemed structurally deficient.

HB 1884: EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF AN ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE TO INCLUDE A ONE-WHEELED SELF-BALANCING DEVICE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Vick

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands the definition of an electric personal assistive mobility device to include a self-balancing device with one wheel that is designed to transport one person.
- Limits the power of these devices to 2000 watts, and the maximum speed to 20 miles per hour.

HB 2181: MODIFYING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON HIGHWAYS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

**SB 5228 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in HB 2181.*

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- ~~Declares that the Legislature finds that there are segments of I-90, and possibly other portions of the state highway system, upon which it would be safe to raise the speed limit to 75 miles per hour.~~
- Authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to increase the maximum speed limit on a state highway to 75 miles per hour.

EHB 2190: AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF VESSEL REPORTS OF SALE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Harmsworth

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Licensing to allow vessel owners to submit a report of sale electronically.

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SB 5203: MODIFYING CERTAIN JOB ORDER CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

(HB 1634 Representative Debolt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the Department of Enterprise Services and cities with populations greater than 400,000 a maximum of \$6 million per year for job order contracts and may have six job order contracts in place.

SB 5210: AUTHORIZING AN OPTIONAL LIFE ANNUITY BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bailey

(HB 1169 Representative Ormsby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits members of the Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS) at the time of retirement to purchase an additional actuarially equivalent monthly benefit by making a lump sum payment of at least \$25,000 to the WSPRS Fund.

SSB 5275: CONCERNING TAX CODE IMPROVEMENTS THAT DO NOT AFFECT STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes obsolete and redundant statutory provisions in the tax statutes.
- Provides greater clarity and consistency in some tax provisions.

SB 5466: CLARIFYING EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS BOARD AND CONFORMING THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS WITH FEDERAL LAW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes technical edits to clarify eligibility provisions of the Public Employees' Benefits Board Program (PEBB).
- Clarifies that dependent eligibility under PEBB health plans continues until age 26, consistent with the requirements of federal law.

SSB 5633: CREATING A COORDINATOR FOR THE HELMETS TO HARDHATS PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a coordinator for the national Helmets to Hardhats Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to assist the National Guard and retired or transitioning active-duty military service members in obtaining skilled training and career opportunities in the construction industry.

SSB 5999: ADDRESSING THE CASELOAD FORECAST COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Darneille

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) to forecast the number of children eligible for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program; this requirement is removed from the Department of Early Learning and the Office of Financial Management.

- Removes the requirement for the CFC to prepare a courtesy forecast for the Essential Needs and Housing Support program.

SHB 1105: MAKING 2015 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

(SB 5076 Senator Hill)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2013-15 biennium.
- Makes supplemental appropriations to provide funding for fires and disasters, children and family services, mental health services, and the judgment against the state in *Rekhter v. DSHS* (home care worker compensation).

HB 1168: CORRECTING RESTRICTIONS ON COLLECTING A PENSION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR RETIREES RETURNING TO WORK IN AN INELIGIBLE POSITION OR A POSITION COVERED BY A DIFFERENT STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby

(SB 5211 Senator Bailey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the restrictions on post-retirement employment for persons who retire from the Public Employees Retirement System to make them consistent with the restrictions that apply to persons who retire from most other retirement plans administered by the state Department of Retirement Systems.

HB 1389: ADDRESSING THE SCOPE OF STATE FIRE SERVICE MOBILIZATION AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE POLICIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

(SB 5181 Senator Pearson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the use of the state Fire Mobilization Plan for all risk resources regularly provided by fire agencies in response to natural and man-made incidents.
- Prohibits the use of the state Fire Mobilization Plan to assist with police activities during civil protest or demonstration, but fire agencies are not restricted from providing medical care or firefighting for any purpose when mobilized.
- Requires Washington State Patrol to report annually on the uses and costs of the state Fire Mobilization Plan for incidents other than fire suppression.
- Expires on July 1, 2019.

SHB 1516: PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LODGING SERVICES FROM THE CONVENTION AND TRADE CENTER TAX

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pettigrew

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides an exemption for hostels from the lodging taxes imposed by the Convention Center Public Facilities District located in King County.

HB 1550: SIMPLIFYING THE TAXATION OF AMUSEMENT, RECREATION, AND PHYSICAL FITNESS SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlyle

**Signed by the Governor*

- Clarifies and simplifies the amusement, recreation, and physical fitness retailing activities included in the definition of retail sale for the business and occupation tax and retail sales tax purposes by removing the term "amusement and recreation services" from the definition of retail sale and replacing it with a list of specific retailing activities of an amusement and recreational nature.
- Provides that all charges for the use of athletic or fitness facility are defined as a retail sale, with some exceptions and removes the term physical fitness service.

HB 1940: EXEMPTING LEVIES IMPOSED BY QUALIFYING FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICTS FROM CERTAIN LIMITATIONS UPON REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary

(SSB 5799 Senator Fain)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Allows eligible flood control zone districts to protect a portion of their levy capacity from general prorationing requirements.
- ~~Adds an expiration date of January 1, 2023.~~

HB 2007: CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS FOR MEDICAID GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

(SB 5840 Senator Dammeier)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Health Care Authority to implement a program to fund supplemental payments for public emergency ground transportation providers.
- Allows eligible public providers to voluntarily participate through both fee-for-service and managed care.
- Requires that no state funds be expended for this program.

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